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I am pleased to send greetings to everyone gathered for this special tribute to the United States troops who have served in the Persian Gulf region and to all our Nation's veterans. This is a wonderful way to show them that we are tremendously proud of them.

Operation Desert Storm exceeded all expectations. Our troops, in cooperation with those of our coalition partners, demonstrated great courage and skill in liberating Kuwait. Their triumphant efforts have helped to lay the foundation for a more peaceful world, one marked by respect for human rights and for the rule of law.

This is also a welcome opportunity to honor those who served our country during earlier conflicts. These brave men and women went into harm's way to help secure the liberty of others and to preserve our own. We owe them a lasting debt of gratitude. I am delighted to join you in acknowledging that debt and in saying "well done."

God bless all of you, and God bless the United States of America.
May 17, 1991

Ms. Linda DeHart
Presidential Message Office
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. DeHart:

Our church (Davisville Baptist Church, Southampton, PA), in conjunction with other churches in the suburban Philadelphia area, is sponsoring a concert on Sunday, May 19, 1991. The title of the concert is I Love America. Would you please provide a presidential letter to be read at the concert? This letter will be greatly appreciated by both participants and attendees. The patriotic theme of this concert will feature local Desert Storm heroes.

In order to facilitate timing, I am faxing this letter to you with a hard copy to follow. In order to make our date of Sunday, May 19, 1991, would you please send your reply to my home address, which is as follows:

Davisville Baptist Church
c/o Mr. Timothy B. Bires
17 Rolling Hills Drive
Holland, PA 18966

Thank you in advance for your attention, and I hope you can honor our request.

Respectfully yours,

Timothy B. Bires
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COMMENTS:

For my conversation with Amanda this A.M. Thank you for your help!

Tim BiRes
May 8, 1991

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Washington, D.C. 20500

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faxed & mailed 5/8 mess on 5/15
Should you need additional information, please contact Joseph N. Smith, the County's Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, at (213) 744-4827. Thank you for your assistance with this event.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Chairman of the Board
Supervisor, Fifth District

MDA:1k
May 6, 1991

TO: Richard Iverson, Deputy
Fifth District

FROM: Joseph N. Smith
Director

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL LETTER – DESERT STORM

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STOUFFER
HOTELS & RESORTS

Stouffer Concourse Hotel
5400 West Century Boulevard • Los Angeles, California 90045
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FAX TRANSMISSION

Date:        April 22, 1991
FAX Number: (202) 456-2926
To:          Ms. Linda DeHart
From:        John Reiss

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IF THIS TRANSMISSION IS NOT PROPERLY RECEIVED, PLEASE CONTACT:
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April 22, 1991

Ms. Linda DeHart
Director/Presidential Messages
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Dehart:

On behalf of Stouffer Hotels and Resorts, I am submitting this letter to request a special letter from President Bush to be read during our “Patriots Welcome” celebration at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Los Angeles.

On May 19, 1991, the hotel will be officially welcoming home our Desert Storm troops by hosting a patriotic celebration with a symbolic representation by a regiment of troops, their families and friends. The event will include the participation of military dignitaries and will commence immediately following the official parade in Hollywood, California.

We are currently working with the Raytheon Company in an effort to secure a simulated version of the Patriot Missile, which we will attach a time capsule to hold key components relative to the Persian Gulf War. Among other things, we would like to place a letter from President Bush which will be read to the troops during the ceremony.

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Because of preservation purposes we will have to have the letter from the the President by no later than May 1, 1991.
ask who is involved w/this community
Ms. Linda DeHart  .  .  . Page Two

Ms. DeHart, you can't imagine how much this letter will mean to the troops. It is a vital part of our ceremony.

If you need any additional information, please contact my public relations representative, Ms. Karen Murphy at (213) 284-6820. In any event, I will have her follow up with you on Wednesday of this week to see where we stand.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. John Reiss
General Manager
Dear Ms. DeHart:

I am submitting this letter to request a special message from President Bush.

We are a public relations company representing Stouffer Hotels and Resorts. As President Bush has declared May 19, 1991 the official date for welcoming home our Desert Storm troops, the Stouffer Concourse Hotel at Los Angeles' International airport will acknowledge all troops by hosting a patriotic celebration with a symbolic representation by a regiment of troops, their families and friends. The event, which we have named, "The Patriots Welcome," will include the participation of military dignitaries and will commence immediately following the official parade in Hollywood, California hosted by Bob Hope.

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Ms. Linda Dehart  
April 9th, 1991  
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Ms. DeHart, you can’t imagine how much the President’s letter will mean to everyone attending the celebration, especially the troops. It is a vital part of our ceremony.

If you have any additional questions or need further information, I can be reached by phone at (213) 284-6820 or by FAX at (213) 284-6886. In any event, I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

[Signature]  
Lori McMullen  
Account Coordinator
Dear Ms. Burke:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I am submitting this letter to request a special letter from President Bush to read during our “Patriots Welcome” celebration.

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Ms. Michelle Staubach

Because of preservation purposes we will have to have the letter from the the President by no later than April 25, 1991.

Ms. Staubach, you can't imagine how much this letter will mean to the troops. It is a vital part of our ceremony.

If you have any additional questions or need further information, I can be reached by phone at (213) 284-6820 or by FAX at (213) 284-6886.

Sincerely,

Lori McMullen
Account Coordinator
May 6, 1991

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter requesting a message from the President honoring Clermont County, Ohio residents who participated in Operation Desert Storm.

I am forwarding your correspondence to the appropriate White House office for attention and consideration. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like me to do.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Mick

Nicholas E. Calio,
Deputy Assistant to the President

The Honorable Bill Gradison
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

BCC: Linda DeHart  18 EOB
I would appreciate a copy of your correspondence for our files.
Thank you very much. Mary Gabriel Harpring 112 EW x7766
April 19, 1991

Mr. Nicholas E. Calio
Deputy Assistant to the President
   for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Nick:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Rose Vesper, Chairman,
Clermont County Republican Party, 1174 Watkins Hill Road, New
Richmond, Ohio, 45157 to request a letter of commendation
for Clermont County veterans of the Persian Gulf War from
President Bush.

The letter will be enclosed in the Memorial Stone and Time
Capsule at the Multiple Flag Plot in Batavia, Ohio. The
dedication will take place May 21, 1991 during the Memorial Day
Parade.

I would appreciate your assistance in fulfilling Ms. Vesper's
request. Please direct any correspondence to my Cincinnati
District Office. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

Bill Gradison
Representative in Congress
Second District of Ohio

Enclosures (2)
April 17, 1991

Ms. Gloria Griffiths  
Office of Congressman Willis Gradison  
550 Main Street, Room 8010  
Cincinnati, Ohio  45202

Dear Gloria,

It was so nice of you to offer to help me get a letter or document of commendation from President Bush honoring those Veterans from Clermont County who have served in the War in the Persian Gulf.

This document will be enclosed in a Time Capsule Box and placed along with a Memorial Stone in the Multiple-Flag Plot at the entrance to the County Seat of Batavia.

I would need to receive this commendation by May 21st in order to be prepared for the dedication services during the 1991 Memorial Day Parade in Batavia.

I have enclosed a copy of the Chairman’s briefing paper to give you additional information. Please phone me at (513) 553-4636 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Rose Vesper
May 21, 1991

Ms. Linda De Hart
Presidential Correspondence Office
Washington, DC
FAX: 202-456-2926

I know this is short notice but we just found out that one of our own will be returning from the Gulf in 2 or 3 days.

We are a small town in Northern Wisconsin called Manitowish Waters (population: 623). We are not a large town but we have been supportive of the president's policies from day one.

We are going to have a "Untie The Yellow Ribbon" party on Memorial Day at 12:00 noon until 3 P.M. to honor our returning sailor and we have invited all Desert Storm Veterans in the area. The Rhinelander National Guard unit will be participating as they had a contingency over there also. The event will be televised and a radio remote will be there. We expect Senator Buske, Representative Roth and a Aid of Governor Thompson.

We would request some type of recognition by President Bush, that a small town in Wisconsin has one of its boys back.

The name of the returning sailor is Michael F. Mackin, Rank E-4, but please mention the other 15-20 returning service men that will be sharing the day with us.

Please fax response to:

Conrad N. Petersen
1 Newport Drive
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
Phone: 715-543-8471
Fax: 715-543-8807

Faxed and sent 5/8 on 5/22

Conrad Petersen
May 9, 1991

Susan Griffith
Special Letter Response
Rm. 93, Old Executive Office
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Griffith:

We would like to request a special message from President Bush to be read to Operation Desert Storm troops during a countywide welcome home ceremony May 25.

We would also like to publish this message in a special commemorative issue we are publishing for this event. The message will not be used for any advertising purposes and we will send a copy to your office after publication. The deadline for copy for this special issue is May 17, so your quickest reply would be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Romayne Naylor
Reporter

P.S. As time is short, you could FAX it to 1-814-355-3084 if you need to.

R.N.
Sun Valley Executive Services
340 Second Street
Post Office Box 732 • Sun Valley, Idaho 83353
208-726-5739 208-726-4866 FAX

Teletypewriter/Fax No: (208) 726-4866
Xerox Teletypewriter no. 7010
24-hour/automatic

May 25-26
desert storm

Date: 5/14/91
To: Att. Linda / The White House
   Deputy Assistant to the
   President for Public Relations
   LeVie Smith
   Operation Homefront

From: 

Remarks: We expect around 200-250 veterans to participate and therefore
we would appreciate
and from a letter
to the veterans in
support of an Homecoming
event.

my fax # is 726-9759

Number of pages including this transmittal page: 8

Please call (208) 726-5739 if you did not receive all
transmitted pages or if you have any questions.

Faxed & sent 5/8 on 5/17
TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

May 25th & 26th
OPERATION HOMEFRONT
HOMECOMING FOR THE TROOPS

May 25th & 26th

In celebration of the return of our troops, Operation Homefront is planning a large scale celebration to honor the servicemen and women who participated in "Operation Desert Storm". This celebration is a prelude to the nation's July 4th welcoming home of the troops. Blaine County's Operation Homefront is planning a weekend of parades, receptions, entertainment and simple relaxation for Idaho veterans.

On May 25th and 26th, troops from all over the State of Idaho will be coming to the Wood River Valley where they will be greeted by Idaho's Senator Larry Craig, Congressman Richard Stallings, local community leaders, and citizens.

Local inns, motels and lodges in the Ketchum area have donated rooms at discounted rates to house our soldiers. We estimate approximately 600 Gulf veterans will be attending our homecoming celebration. Festivities begin Saturday, May 25th with parades and receptions. On Sunday, May 26th, outdoor activities such as tennis, bike riding and golf are available. There is a reception scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Ketchum.

We hope you can attend the celebration honoring our servicemen and women and look forward to seeing you then.

For more information call the Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, 726-3423, or Leviie Smith, 726-2637.
OPERATION HOMEFRONT

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS
HOMECOMING WEEKEND
MAY 25th & 26th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 25th

10:30 a.m.  Motorcade through Bellevue (please see map #1)

11:00 a.m.  Line up parade in Hailey

11:30 a.m.  Parade through Hailey (please see map #2)

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Tribute to Veterans/Springfest, Hailey Park
Speaker Colonel Victor C. Andrews will address the troops

3:30 p.m.  Transport to Ketchum (12 miles)

4:00 p.m.  Ketchum Parade (see map #3)
Parade ends with a motorcade to Atkinsons' Park.

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Reception at Atkinsons' Park
Speakers: Senator Larry Craig and Congressman Richard Stallings
Entertainment: Thumper

Sunday, May 26th

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Open House at the American Legion

(Biking, fishing, golfing and tennis available)
OPERATION HOMEFRONT
HOMECOMING FOR THE TROOPS
May 25th & 26th

INVITED SPEAKERS

Senator Larry Craig
Congressman Richard Stallings
General Manning, National Guard
Colonel Victor C. Andrews - 366 Tactical Fighter Wing Commander

LODGING FACILITIES

Elkhorn Resort - Karen Fitch, 622-4511
Pinnacle Club - Jim Gibson, 726-3811
Christiania Best Western - Peter Koss, 726-3351
Tyrolean Best Western - Max Danos, 726-5336
Heidelberg Inn - George Hawkins, 726-5361
Bald Mountain Lodge - Phyllis Houk, 726-9963
Ketchum Korral Motor Inn - Brenda, 726-3510
Lift Tower Lodge - Bill Butler, 726-5163
Tamarack Lodge - Teresa, 726-3344
River Run Lodge - 726-9086
Ski View Lodge - Sharon, 726-3441
River Street Inn - Ginny, 726-3611
The Christophe Condos - Kathy, 726-5601
Mountain Resorts - Deborah, 726-3660
Warm Springs Resort - Patty, 726-4431
Elkhorn Condominiums - Karen Fitch, 622-4511
May 26, 1991

Levie Smith
Operation Home Front
PO Box 5821
Ketchum, ID 83340

MESSAGE TO: The returning service men and women of Operation Desert Storm

FROM: Cecil D. Andrus
Governor

There is no way to express adequately the thanks and relief that all Idahoans feel at your safe return from the successful completion of Operation Desert Storm.

To the families and friends who waited at home, please know that all of us admire the quiet courage you displayed and the unflagging support you gave our military personnel. It was not easy to be without them, but you never complained.

Those of you who served in that dangerous and distant theater in the Gulf were never far from our thoughts and prayers. You willingly undertook a mission that was critical to peace and security around the globe, and we will not forget the debt we owe you.

Welcome home! You are Idaho's special heroes, and we wish you a grand and well-deserved homecoming celebration.

Sincerely,

Cecil D. Andrus
Governor
United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1202  
April 11, 1991

Ms. Levie Smith  
P.O. Box 5821  
Ketchum, Idaho 83340

Dear Levie,

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the OPERATION HOMEFRONT celebration in Sun Valley on May 25 and 26.

I would very much like to be with you, but previous commitments in Coeur d'Alene conflict with your schedule.

However, I want to commend you for your efforts to see that our troops are warmly welcomed upon their return home as envisioned by OPERATION HOMEFRONT. Local community support has been overwhelming and has meant a lot to those who have already returned home. Thanks to you and other volunteers, we will continue to keep the enthusiasm up until all who served are back.

Again, thank you for sharing the dates of the Sun Valley celebration and I send best wishes for a great success.

Yours for a free society,

STEVE SYMAS  
United States Senator

SS:33
S. RES. 17
by
MR. SYMMS

To express the sense of the Senate in support of "OPERATION HOMEFRONT".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 23 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 1991

Mr. Symms submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 21 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 6), 1991

Senate agreed unanimously to a

RESOLUTION
To express the sense of the Senate in support of
"OPERATION HOMEFRONT".

Whereas over 400,000 American servicemen and women are risking their lives in defending the interests and principles of the United States of America; and

Whereas these American troops are performing with remarkable success against Saddam Hussein and his military-industrial complex; and

Whereas all citizens of the United States, including Congress, should take great pride in the manner in which our brave servicemen and women are representing our Nation in the Middle East; and

Whereas all Americans eagerly await a successful and expedient conclusion to the Persian Gulf war and the safe return of our courageous sons and daughters serving in that region. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Senate strongly supports and endorses "OPERATION HOMEFRONT" as a national grassroots effort to support our servicemen and women participating in "OPERATION DESERT STORM" and their families here at home; and

(2) the Senate encourages Federal, State, and local governments and private businesses and industry to organize "OPERATION HOMEFRONT" task forces intended to provide support for the families of the troops while they are deployed and to plan and organize welcome home celebrations for the servicemen and women upon their arrival home.
BILL JAMES
WJTP RADIO
P.O. BOX 1130
NEWLAND, NC 28657
704-733-0188

MAY 17, 1991

DEAR SIR,

IN RESPONSE TO OUR TELEPHONE DISCUSSION THIS MORNING, MAY 17, I AM SENDING THIS LETTER TO OFFICIALLY REQUEST A LETTER OR TELEGRAM WELCOMING HOME THE TROOPS FROM OPERATION DESERT STORM. THIS LETTER WILL BE READ TO THE MEMBERS OF 5 NATIONAL GUARD UNITS WHO HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE MIDEAST AT THE WJTP LISTENER APPRECIATION DAY AND DESERT STORM HOMECOMING CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY MAY 25, 1991 IN NEWLAND, N.C.

THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING CONTACTED FOR LETTERS OR TELEGRAMS ARE:
1. PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
2. U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS
3. THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
4. HEAD OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, GENERAL CONWAY
5. GENERAL COLIN POWELL
6. N.C. GOVERNOR JIM MARTIN
7. PAUL HARVEY
8. GENERAL NORMAN SWARTZKOPF

WE REQUEST THAT IT BE SENT IMMEDIATELY IF POSSIBLE FOR USE ON THAT DATE. WE ARE EXPECTING 10-20 THOUSAND PEOPLE FOR THIS EVENT ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 800-1000 DESERT STORM VETERANS. IN ADVANCE I GIVE YOU MY SINCERE APPRECIATION.

THANK YOU,

BILL JAMES

BJ/ka
MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY--

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY--

Willard Strunk

OF (Organization)

fax: 717-673-3738

☐ PLEASE PHONE

717-673-8919

☐ FTS

☐ AUTOVON

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

event may be honoring welcome home

Grover, PA.

[written in ink of May]

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

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GROVER CHURCH OF CHRIST
BOX 83
GROVER, PA. 17735
TELEPHONE 717-873-8919

May The God Of Love And Peace Be With You

May 2, 1991

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President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President and Mrs. Bush:

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We hope you will be able to be with us to make this day a memorable one. Thank you for you time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Willard L. Strunk
Pastor Willard L. Strunk
Grover Church of Christ
P.O. Box 83 - 20 Main Street
Grover, PA 17735-0083

P.S. Bradford County is mainly Republican! Thought you might be interested!
May 20, 1991

Dear Reverend Strunk:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your recent invitation.

You were very kind to extend this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that, due to an already heavily committed schedule, he will be unable to accept your invitation.

However, your request for a message has been noted and forwarded to the appropriate office for consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

Reverend Willard L. Strunk
Grover Church of Christ
Post Office Box 83
Grover, PA 17735-0083

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cc: Pres. Msg. (18 OEOB) w/inc for follow-up on message request
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REQUEST FOR PHOTO/MAILING
(PLEASE TYPE)

TO: MARY INGALS
CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE, Room 94, OEOB, Ext. 7610
FROM: Kathy M. Hudgins

Room 8208 Ext. 4993

Description of photograph or photo number

ATTACH PHOTO IF OTHER THAN OFFICIAL PORTRAIT

TO: CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW SECTION, Room 76, Ext. 2916
PHOTO TO BE SIGNED BY: The President and Mrs. Bush

☑ Return to originating office. Type name & address of recipient below
☐ Photograph is to be mailed.
   Attach mailing label, any correspondence and include typed address here:

   NAME: Kathy M. Hudgins
   ORGANIZATION: OMB/NRC
   STREET: 725 17th Street, NW
   CITY/STATE: Washington, DC 20747

INSCRIBE TO: (List of names attached)
MESSAGE SHOULD READ:
☐ With best wishes ☑ Congratulations and best wishes
   Or whatever you feel is appropriate

DO NOT PACKAGE PHOTO. DO NOT SEND IT TO THE MAIL ROOM.
May 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO: MARY INGALS  
CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE, ROOM 94, OEOB

FROM: Kathy M. Hudgins  
Water Resources Branch, Room 8208, NEOB

SUBJECT: Signed Photos for Members of the Armed Forces

This is reference to receiving photos signed by the President and Mrs. Bush for members of the Armed Forces from our hometown, (Richmond County) Warsaw, Virginia.

On May 25th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a program in our hometown to honor the troops from our county who served in Saudi Arabia. I know that the President can't be there in person, so I would very much like to present them with photos of The President and Mrs. Bush congratulating them for their fine services. I feel that this will be greatly appreciated.

Please call me (395 - 4993) if this will not be possible to do so that I can alert the committee that this will not be a part of the program.

Thank you for your time and help. Here is the listing of the troops that we have:

(1) L/Cpl Lawrence Filkoski, Jr.  
(2) Sp/4 Scott Channon  
(3) Sgt Vernon L. Newton  
(4) 1/LT John Martin  
(5) Sgt Harold T. Hinson, Jr.  
(6) Sgt James Sadler  
(7) SSG Paul F. Dungan

May 25

[Handwritten note: gave 5/8 letter to Kathy on 5/13 thru mail]
(8) CPT Mark A. Dungan
(9) SK3 Clay Frederick
(10) Sgt Reginald Jackson
(11) Cpl Larry Brooks
(12) Sgt Oscar Ball, Jr.
(13) Sgt Kervin L. Ball
(14) MSG Mark Woolsey
(15) Spc Frank Taylor
(16) Spc Kevin Veney
(17) T/Sgt Herbert Schools
(18) SN Matthew Brown
(19) Pvt Elwood Veney, Jr.
(20) Spc Walter R. Hayden, Jr.
(21) Spc Janice Cautherone
(22) Lt Joseph Coughline
(23) Sfc John A. Dunaway
(24) Pfc Donald A. Hackett
(25) Sgt Jay Huntley
(26) Sgt James Laws
(27) Sgt Walter J. McDonald
(28) Spc Arndre Monroe
(29) Sgt Rufus I. Norris
(30) Major James S. Northern
(31) SSG Timothy A. Onderko
(32) Spc Ronald T. Wilkins
(33) L/CDR Malcolm Tignor, Jr.
(34) Leslie Veney
kinds

for our conversation.

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NOTE FOR JONI STEVENS

SUBJECT: POTUS Letter to Returning SWA Unit

- Regarding our call earlier this week.

- Could you please get me a robo letter from the President to be read at the Welcome Home ceremony. Attached tells unit that was deployed.

- LTG Jones from OSD will read the letter.

- Could I please have it by 23 May.

Thanks,

John A. Dubia
Colonel, USA
MEMO FOR INFORMATION FOR

Col Zubia

2nd Unit in Campbellsville College

15th Battery B, 1st Battalion 623rd Field Artillery

Over 100 Service Members from Campbellsville Served in Desert Storm -

5/21 sent 518 message to Joni
ACTIVITIES FOR SUNDAY, May 26th

MESSAGE:
  1:00 p.m. (EDT) Picnic at Miller Park
  You will be our guest.
  2:30 ------------------ Dedication of the Amphitheater
  Raising of the Flag
  They would like for you to receive the flag from
  veterans (one representing each war/action) and raise
  the flag while Miss Kentucky Nancy Cox (she's from
  Campbellsville) sings the National Anthem.
  You may be asked to give a few remarks at this time.
  3:00
  Line-up for Patriotic March (on foot), at the old
  Bowling Alley that is adjacent to the park.
  4:00
  March down Main Street Campbellsville, up Court Street,
  Central Avenue and return to Miller Park. (round trip
  is approximately 1.5 miles)

For other information, you may call Mr. Stan McKinney at the
Central Kentucky News Journal -- (502) 465-8111.

Thanks again for sharing in our programs Saturday.

DATE: May 14, 1991   TIME: 2:40 p.m.
Dear Nick:

Re: Sara A. Sellers
Route 5, Box 441-1
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601
615-926-2629

I am very interested in obtaining a letter or telegram from the President to be read on Saturday, May 25, 1991, at a Homecoming Picnic sponsored by WUSJ-FM (US99) in cooperation with the Veterans Administration at Mountain Home. The picnic will be to honor the troops from Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia who served in Operation Desert Storm.

I would appreciate your sending the letter or telegram to Sara Sellers at the address listed above.

Many thanks for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,

James H. Quillen

Honorable Nicholas E. Calio
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Pres. Messages: # 2

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
Room 102
Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

DISTRICT OFFICE:
Room 157—First Floor
Federal (Post Office) Building
Kingsport, Tennessee 37662
March 8, 1991

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"HEROES' HOMECOMING PICNIC" ADDED TO ANNUAL EVENT

A "Heroes' Homecoming Picnic" to honor returning troops from the Persian Gulf was announced today by Veterans Administration, Mountain Home Director Jonathan Pitts. The director said the picnic's addition "will make our Memorial Day Holiday Weekend Celebration second only to Arlington, Virginia's nationally known veterans' remembrance."

The "Heroes' Homecoming Picnic" came about as a result of numerous phone calls by the public to the Veterans Administration and US-99 Radio, requesting that someone coordinate a community-wide celebration honoring both troops and their families. Pitts said he was delighted when contacted by local owners of US-99 Radio Eaton Govan and Ben Cagle in coordinating such an event, particularly since the station had many events already scheduled for the day.

The special weekend will be highlighted by the May 25, 1 p.m. picnic celebration at the large grassy area near the Veterans Administration Center gazebo. A stage area will see constant activity beginning with a special program in honor of Operation Desert Storm troops and their families from the region, followed by all-afternoon "surprise" entertainment. A number of speakers and entertainers whose schedules and attendance are still being worked in will be participating, and Mountain Home will be providing bi-weekly "post-war celebration briefings" to the news media on who will be participating. A very special keynote speaker for the event is being scheduled at this time, Pitts said, promising a "real surprise" for the Tri-Cities.
Mayor P. C. Snapp of Johnson City noted the timeliness of the event, in recognition of our local troops who served in the Gulf. "When they left here, I was so afraid the situation there would resemble the islands the Marines had to clear out in the Pacific," Snapp said. "I knew a lot of people who were leaving, many of them friends, and I was really concerned. Thank God we see the final results of rekindled patriotism in this country, the likes of which hasn't been seen since World War II. This regionwide event will no doubt go down in Johnson City history as one of the largest get-togethers of the public and one of the most exciting times for our citizens."

Johnson City Public Safety Director Fred Phillips announced his involvement as the city's liaison for the troops' welcome and celebration effort, and the coordination of the city's project in conjunction with the VA's Memorial Day weekend events and "Heroes' Homecoming Picnic." Phillips said that, at this time, no specific timetable can be promised for local troops' return, but that timely, major "welcomes home" will be occurring for each group of service personnel as they return.

General Manager of WUSJ-FM, US-99, Eaton Govan commented, "We're very happy to be associated with the Veterans Administration's Memorial Day weekend. US-99 has felt deeply from the beginning of the Gulf war that public support was very important to our troops and their families. We look forward to honoring them and hope everyone in the Northeast Tennessee region will join with us on May 25 for the largest, fun-filled celebration ever."
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Desert Storm

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

DATE: 17 MAY 91

TO: LINDA DEHART

Telescopier #: 456-2926

Direct #

FROM: COLO. JAMES N. GUILLEN (D-3)

Telescopier #: 202-225-7812

Direct #: 202-225-6356

NUMBER OF PAGES TO FOLLOW: 3

MESSAGE: LINDA—

BECAUSE OF THE TIME ELEMENT, NICK CALIO'S OFFICE SUGGESTED WE FAX THIS REQUEST DIRECTLY TO YOU. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL.

[Handwritten signature]
April 5, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing on behalf of the Gary Indiana Marines, Second Marine Division, 6th Engineer Support Battalion II MEF and the Welcome Home Committee recently formed.

As the Mother of one of the Gary Marines serving in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm operation, Sgt. Jon D. Foster. I have been asked by the Committee to write and ask if you would be willing to write a short letter of commendation for their part in the war. We would like to have it read at their Welcome Home celebration. We do not have a firm date of their arrival back in the United States or Gary (perhaps by the end of May 1991), but would appreciate it if you might be willing to prepare something and forward it to me in the near future.

I personally want to thank You and all other leaders of the operation for a job well done.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Phyllis F. Foster
3931 W. 214th Street
Matteson, IL 60443

Mailed 5/8 on 5/15
May 9, 1991

Mr. President;

June the 8th we are going to have a special celebration for our local Scott Air Force Base troops who have come home from the war. We will have a parade, picnic and an open house special tribute at the Air Force Base.

I am putting together a special feature section with details of the celebration and this feature will be inserted into the Scott Air Force Base Command Post newspaper and two local newspapers.

I know this is very late notice, but, I would sincerely appreciate a letter from you which we could publish in this feature. I would have to receive it no later than May 27th.

Thank you for your time;

Nancy Schubert

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SERVING O'FALLON AND ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
Dear Hon. George Bush, President:

This letter is on behalf of the Melbourne DESERT STORM SUPPORT GROUP. We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us in our salute to the brave Men and Women who defended our country in the Persian Gulf. We will have a Parade on June 1, 1991 to honor the fine people and a picnic to follow.

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We realize that this is a short notice, and that you have a very busy Itinerary but we will appreciate any consideration we are given.

Thank you for your help, I am.

Raymond Price Sr.
The White House
Presidents Messages
Presidents Office
Washington, D.C. 20500
FAX 1-202-456-2461

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2511 S. Lipscomb St.
Melbourne, FL 32901
Office (407) 727-2177
Fax (407) 727-1179

The White House
Presidents Messages
Presidents Office
Washington, D. C, 20500
Fax 1-202-456-2461

This letter is a followup to a letter that was faxed to your office on May 15, 1991 of which a copy is included with this fax. I have not received a response, and the time is approaching and we need to know an answer so that we can make up the programs. Thank you for any help you give us.

Raymond Price Sr.

5/24/91
TO  The President

FROM  James L. Kimery, Commander-in-Chief, VFW

DATE/TIME  5/28/91

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER PAGE  2

SUBJECT

ANY PROBLEMS, CALL 1-816-968-1168

COMMENTS

INITIALS: 

TIME COMPLETED: 

DATE: 

★ NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ★ 

VFW BUILDING ● BROADWAY AT 34TH STREET ● KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111 ● AREA CODE 816-756-3390
May 28, 1991

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

To date, the VFW has received no direct response to our invitation for you to join us in Kansas City on June 1 for the VFW's Heart of America Rally for Desert Storm troops.

Since we are assuming you are unable to attend, I would be grateful for a brief statement from you, which I could read to the troops and their families from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Our day-long event will recognize the contributions of the families and support troops as well as those deployed to the Persian Gulf region.

Thank you for considering my request. Because our event will take place next weekend, please consider sending your remarks by fax to us at 1-816-968-1169.

Respectfully,

James L. Kimery
Commander-in-Chief

[faxed 5/18 on 5/29
mailed on 5/30]
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 25, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO Linda Dehart
FROM Jackie Kennedy
SUBJECT Welcome Letter

Here is the information on the welcome home of 106 military men and women from Coos County, New Hampshire.

It should be mailed or FAX to:

Mr. Eli Isaacson
475 Madison Street
Berlin, NH 03570

FAX number: 603-752-4237

Thank you.

faxed 5/8 on 5/29
mailed 5/30
President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of my fellow Los Angeles Republican County Central Committee Members and all registered Republicans in our County, I want to express our thanks and deep appreciation to you for your excellent judgment and your commitment that expeditiously resolved the Middle East Crisis with a minimum loss of life.

It is now time for us to recognize and honor our people who met their call to duty with distinction and dedication.

The City of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a major parade to be held on Saturday, May 19th, with the theme: Welcome Home Desert Storm. The parade is being produced by Johnny Grant, who we all know as an outstanding gentleman with the expertise and perseverance that will insure the success of this event.

The primary purpose of my writing you today is to request any participation and support that you may be able to provide in order to achieve the highest possible degree of success for the parade being held to commemorate Armed Forces Day. Your personal support of this event will be greatly appreciated by all patriotic citizens of Los Angeles County.

As a point of information, the Republican Party of Los Angeles County is having an Armed Forces Day celebration on Saturday, May 18th, titled Operation Pride, Operation Gratitude as a gala social event the evening before the Welcome Home Desert Storm parade the following day on Hollywood Boulevard.

Once again Mr. President, thank you for your outstanding commitment and dedication to the fundamental principals upon which our freedoms are based. You have once again exemplified those unique presidential qualities that have so greatly added to our Nation’s reputation. Your conduct during the trying times of recent months makes every citizen of our Nation proud to be an American.

Sincerely Yours,

Dr. Carl F. Davis, Jr.
Chairman

Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County
The combined American regions of Madison County, New York are presenting the following tribute to the troops of Desert Storm.

We would sincerely appreciate receiving a message from President Bush which could be used at the rally. The tribute is in honor of those from the Madison- Oneida County who served and is not reserved for just one group.

A message can be faxed to 1-315-942-8422 or, mailed to:

Mr. Francis J. Mahady
516 Batsinger Rd.
Staunton, NY 13461

Thank you for your consideration and "God Bless America".

DATE MESSAGE SENT: 5/1/91

DATE MESSAGE SENT: 5/8 on 5/9

SENT BY Francis Mahady
Bring Your Flag
Say Thank You
To Those Who Served
So Honorably

Madison County

WELCOME HOME TRIBUTE

TO OUR

DESERT STORM TROOPS

Your opportunity to Welcome Home and Honor
Our Brave Men and Women who served our country
in Operation Desert Storm.

MAY 18, 1991
ARMED FORCES DAY

-NOON-
Wampsville Firemens Field
Court Street (Next to the Courthouse)

Speakers - Bands - Choirs - Memorial Service
United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510-0103

May 7, 1991

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to request a greeting from President George Bush for "A Patriots Day Celebration" in Hueytown, Alabama on May 18, 1991. Enclosed please find additional information.

Please send the greeting to:

The Honorable Lillian P. Howard
Mayor
City of Hueytown
Post Office Box C
Hueytown, Alabama 35023

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

RCS: taw
Enclosure

sent 5/18 message on 5/19
Dear

As Mayor of the City of Hueytown, home of Champions and of 20,000 Patriots, I have proclaimed May 18, 1991, to be a day of special celebration in honor of our men and women in uniform, especially those who have served and continue to serve as part of "Desert Shield" and "Desert Storm." This day will conclude a week-long patriotic emphasis that will enjoy area-wide participation.

Many events are planned for this week. In your honor, we have planned a reception beginning at 11:00 a.m. on May 18, followed by a luncheon at 12:15 p.m. The highlight of the week will be a huge patriotic rally beginning at 2:00 p.m. at our Hueytown High School Stadium with a strong patriotic program that will be both uplifting and moving. Many specific details will be forthcoming upon your acceptance of our invitation.

On behalf of our fine citizens, I am proud to invite you to our City for this very important occasion. We would be very pleased and honored to have you and your spouse be a very important part of our celebration. May we hear from you soon?

Respectfully,

Lillian P. Howard
Mayor

LPH/ac

R.S.V.P. by May 8, 1991 -(205) 491-7010 or (205) 491-2704
TO: White House

AGENCY/COMPANY/DEPARTMENT: Room 18

FAX #: 456-2926

FROM: Terri

DATE: 5/7/91 TIME: 4:00 AM

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COMMENTS:

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THE CITY OF HUEYTOWN
REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT "A PATRIOT'S DAY CELEBRATION"
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1991

RECEPTION
11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
PLEASANT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE CENTER
1348 HUEYTOWN ROAD

LUNCHEON
12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
PLEASANT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
1343 HUEYTOWN ROAD

"A PATRIOT'S DAY CELEBRATION" RALLY
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
GILMORE FOOTBALL STADIUM
2058 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD
HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA
"A Patriot's Day Celebration"

in Hueytown, Alabama

MAY 11 - 18, 1991

WE WANT YOU !!!

WE WANT TO INVITE YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ENJOY THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AS WE CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF "DESSERT STORM" AND THE HOMECOMING OF OUR TROOPS!

MAY 11th - 2:00 p.m. - FRONT STEPS OF CITY HALL THE OFFICIAL KICK-OFF OF THIS WEEK'S EVENT

MAY 13th - 17th - 7:00 p.m.

NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT IN FRONT OF TG & Y

MAY 13 - SOUTHMEN QUARTET . . . GOSPEL AT IT'S FINEST!
MAY 14 - "TATER" WALLACE AND THE BLUEGRASS PICKERS
MAY 15 - BERNICE AND THE MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
MAY 17 - THE YOUNG BELIEVERS . . . YOUNG GOSPEL GROUP
MAY 17TH - FRANK LISTER & SEQUOYAH (Recording Artist who wrote and recorded the new "State Song" for Alabama. He also wrote and recorded "A Thousand Points of Light" for President Bush.)

NO CHARGE ANY NIGHT, EXCEPT FOR FOOD AND DRINKS.
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR, BLANKET, ETC. FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!

MAY 18th  9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BROOKLANE SPORTSPLEX ACTIVITIES

9:00 a.m. - OPENING WITH ARMY SPECIAL FORCES FLY-OVER, FOLLOWED BY TWO SQUADS OF TROOPS RAPPELLING FROM HOVERING HELICOPTERS ONTO FIELD IN FULL BATTLE DRESS TO ENGAGE IN MOCK BATTLE, COMPLETE WITH BLANK AMMO.
10:00 a.m. - COUNTRY/WESTERN BAND PERFORMANCE -- GROUP TO BE ANNOUNCED.
11:00 a.m. - WESTERN SHUFFLERS (SQUARE DANCING / CLOGGING WITH CALLER BEN HIGGENBOOTH)
12:00 noon - BRENT HARRIS & COMPANY (COUNTRY/WESTERN SINGER, WHO APPEARED ON STAR SEARCH AND WON . . . AN UP AND COMING RECORDING ARTIST WHO HAS APPEARED IN NASHVILLE, THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH AND ON THE WEST COAST.)

OTHER EVENTS / ATTRACTIONS

BAR-B-Q LUNCHES SPONSORED BY THE HUEYTOWN LION'S CLUB AND THE HUEYTOWN QUARTERBACK CLUB -- $3.00 FOR A LUNCH WITH DRINK.

MILITARY DISPLAY - HELICOPTERS, TANKS, ARTILLERY, etc. PLUS PERSONNEL WEAPONS

PONY RIDES, CLOWN DUNK CAGE, MOON WALK, CARNIVAL GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS,
FACE PAINTING, AIRBRUSH ARTIST, COTTON CANDY, POPCORN,
SNOWCONES, ICE CREAM TRUCK, AND OTHER FOOD!

ALL STAGE SHOWS, MILITARY DEMONSTRATIONS AND MILITARY EXHIBITS ARE FREE !!!
A minimal charge will be made for food, rides and other concessions.
HUGE PATRIOTIC RALLY

2:00 p.m. - GILMORE STADIUM - HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA - A HUGE PATRIOTIC RALLY WITH:

2. Area School Bands, and Choirs from Area Schools and Churches.
3. Professional Vocalists
4. Elite Military Parachutist
5. World War II "Medal of Honor" Winner HARRY "RED" ERWIN.
6. RF-4 Phantom Jet Fighter Fly-Over.
7. An Inspiring Patriotic Program.

PLEASE PLAN NOW TO ATTEND! WATCH FOR OUR STREET BANNERS AND FOR A TRAFFIC CONTROL/PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION MAP IN THE WESTERN STAR NEWSPAPER!
TO: Linda Detbart

FROM: WINDY WHITE
Presidential Scheduling
182 OEOB, Ext. 7560

Major Fort said he did receive a photo—could you please send a message. This is a desert storm homecoming. Thank you once again 😊
April 17, 1991

Office Of The President
The White House
ATTN: Appointments and Scheduling (Windy)
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Windy:

Thanks for taking the time to talk with me on Tuesday. Per that conversation enclosed is a copy of the original letter we addressed to President Bush and a copy of the response we received.

Probably due to my poor authorship, our intent did not seem to be understood. We fully realize our small county could not enjoy the presence of our Commander In Chief on Armed Forces Day. That is why we elected to use the chain of command approach.

All we are asking is a photograph and a short, appropriate note addressed to the citizens of LaFayette and Walker County. Military response has been fantastic and Secretary Cheney's office has responded as well.

Please take a moment to read the text of our original letter. We served well and we want the the best welcome possible for our sons and daughters.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Sincerely,

Jack S. Hart
Major, USA (Ret)
ODH Coordinator

(404) 638-1943

Enclosures
MARCH 26, 1991

THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

EACH YEAR THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WALKER COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF EDUCATION, AMERICAN LEGION POST, ETC. HOSTS AND PRESENTS AN ARMED FORCES/MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION. OURS IS THE LARGEST SUCH EVENT IN NORTH GEORGIA AND ATTRACTS PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS FROM THE TRI-STATE AREA OF ALABAMA, GEORGIA AND TENNESSEE.

THIS YEAR THE THEME IS "OPERATION DESERT HOMECOMING" TO HONOR OUR PROFESSIONAL AND CITIZEN SOLDIERS WHO RANGE FROM MG(P) RONALD GRIFFITH, CG, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION TO PVT MICHAEL EATON, AN 18-YEAR OLD SOLDIER WHO SERVED WITH A USAR ENGINEER BATTALION THAT BREACHED THE BERM FOR THE ARMY'S 24TH MECHANIZED INFANTRY DIVISION. THEY, AND THE OVER 200 WALKER COUNTY SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN, WILL BE OUR COLLECTIVE PARADE MARSHALS.

IN YEARS PAST WE HAVE HAD GENERALS, CONGRESSMEN, AND SENATORS AS PARADE MARSHALS, BUT THIS YEAR IS VERY SPECIAL. OUR AREA HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE REGULAR SERVICES WITH EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO INCLUDE 1980'S GRADUATES FROM ALL FIVE OF OUR SERVICE ACADEMIES. OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM SAW OUR CITIZENS CALLED IN RECORD NUMBERS TO SERVE IN MANY RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD UNITS TO INCLUDE: CO B/84TH ENGINEER BATTALION; 377TH COMBAT SUPPORT HOSPITAL; 212TH TRANSPORTATION CO.; 196TH FA BRIGADE; 1ST BN/181ST FA; 3397TH US ARMY GARRISON; 48TH INFANTRY BRIGADE; GEORGIA, ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE AIR GUARD; CHATTANOOGA CB DETACHMENT; HUNTSVILLE (AL) USMC RESERVE UNIT; AND THE USCG RESERVE. THE IMPACT ON OUR COUNTY HAS ALMOST ESC APED REALITY AND CITIZEN SUPPORT HAS BEEN ABSOLUTE.
YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR "OPERATION DESERT HOMECOMING" IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED. TO BE CERTAIN WE WOULD BE SINGULARLY HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE ON MAY 18, 1991, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT TO BE BEYOND THE REALM OF PROBABILITY. WHAT WE DO REQUEST IS TO ALLOW US TO HONOR OUR CHAIN OF COMMAND BY NAMING YOU AS ONE OF OUR HONORARY PARADE MARSHALS. THIS CHAIN WILL REACH FROM OUR PRESIDENT TO OUR OWN PRIVATE EATON.

OUR SPECIFIC REQUEST IS THAT YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN 8" X 10" PHOTOGRAPH AND A LETTER YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE OCCASION ADDRESSED TO THE CITIZENS OF LAFAYETTE AND WALKER COUNTY. WE PROPOSE TO PREPARE SPECIAL MEDIA RELEASES, A FLOAT, ETC, TO SUPPORT THIS RECOGNITION OF A TEAM WHOSE JOB HAS BEEN WELL DONE.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THIS COMMUNITY WE CALL EARTH.

RESPECTFULLY,

JACK HART
MAJOR, USA, RETIRED
PARADE COORDINATOR

H. Neal Florence
H. NEAL FLORENCE
MAYOR
CITY OF LAFAYETTE

DL
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1991

Dear Mayor Florence:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President inviting him to attend the "Operation Desert Homecoming" Parade May 18, or serve as Honorary Parade Marshal.

While the President appreciates your extending this opportunity to him, due to the heavy commitments of his official responsibilities, we are unable to schedule his attendance or have him serve as Honorary Parade Marshal. I know that you will understand that with the tremendous demands on the President's time, we must often miss special opportunities.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President for Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable H. Neal Florence
Mayor
City of Lafayette
Lafayette, Georgia 30728
MEMORANDUM FOR LINDA DEHART
FROM: ANDY FOSTER
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL GREETING

EVENT: Welcome Home for the Troops Rally
DATE: Saturday, May 18, 1991
LOCATION: Ada, Oklahoma
REQUESTED BY: The Republican Party of Oklahoma
INSIDE ADDRESS: None
VIP’s IN ATTENDANCE: U.S. Senators’ David Boren and Don Nickles, Governor Wes Watkins
MAILING ADDRESS: Return to Andy Foster in Political Affairs
BACKGROUND: The City of Ada will host a Welcome Home for the Troops rally for all local service men and women who served in the Gulf War.

Thank you - call of questions.

dispatched to Andy 5/18
President Bush,

As president of our local Operation Desert Storm Support Group, I would be grateful to you if you could find time in your busy schedule to write a letter to our local servicepeople here in Okeechobee who served in Operation Desert Storm. Although some are still in the Gulf serving our country, and some can not make it home for various reasons, we do have over fifty that will be coming home. This has been a long hard road to get these men and women home for our Celebration on Saturday May 18, 1991 but they all deserve anything we can do. All of Okeechobee has pitched in to help in some way to make this day special for our servicepeople. Okeechobee has a winter population of approximately 30,000 of which over 125 served in Operation Desert Storm. This is the largest per capita in Florida!! Although our local servicepeople have declared "they just did the job they were trained for" all of us here in Okeechobee are VERY PROUD of them. Your letter would compliment the special day we have planned and would be read aloud to our servicepeople at the ceremonies. I'm sure this would be appreciated by all whether they are still in the Gulf, or could not make it and especially by the ones who are here with us as well as their families!

Sincerely,
Pamela S. Chambers
Operation Desert Storm Support Group
2762 N.W. 4th St.
Okeechobee, FL 34972
T-800-282-5172
FAX# (813) 763-8404
April 25, 1991

The Honorable
George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

The students, staff and parents at Wolfe Elementary School are planning a Patriotic Week celebration the week of May 13-17, 1991. We plan a week long celebration to honor the troops returning from the Gulf War and all veterans both present and past. We have designed a week of activities to teach our children the meaning of Patriotism. The following is a schedule of the activities planned for the week of May 13 through 17, 1991:

Monday, May 13th  Let's Hear It For America Assembly
Tuesday, May 14th  Human Flag Day - All students will participate in a Human Flag and an aerial photo will be taken
Wednesday, May 15th  Old-Fashion Picnic (parents also invited to participate)
Thursday, May 16th  Patriotic Parade through Barker's Landing
Friday, May 17th  Field Day

We can think of no better way to teach our students how lucky they are to live in the greatest country on earth than to have a week-long celebration. One day would not be enough time to fit in everything that we have planned. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time from your busy schedule to send a letter to our students from you personally recognizing their efforts and enthusiasm regarding our Patriotic Celebration. These activities were planned last year before Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm and we are trying to impress upon our students that Patriotism is something that should always be a part of our lives and not only when we are faced with

5/18 message faxed and sent on 5/15
a national crisis. We would like for every student to be able to look back upon this celebration as a memorable event in their childhood and help them to understand how marvelous it is to be able to live in a country where they are free. Anything that you could add to our celebration would be greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information, your staff can reach me during the day at 713/627-7180 or in the evenings at 713/496-7005. If the time is not sufficient for you to send us a letter by return mail, you can fax me a letter at 713/623-8216 and then mail the original to Wolfe Elementary School, Attention: Susan Emerson, 502 Addicks-Howell, Houston, Texas 77079, so that we could have the letter to share with our students during Patriotic Week. We would really appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Susan Emerson
President
Wolfe Elementary PTO
1991-92 School Year
April 11, 1991

Ms. Linda Dehart
Office of Presidential Correspondence
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Dehart:

Pursuant to our phone conversation, I am forwarding you information on Plymouth, Indiana's homecoming ceremony honoring the returning troops and their families. The scheduled date is May 15, 1991.

It is my understanding that this event is intended to welcome home approximately 35 troops from the surrounding area. Family members will join the returning troops and the resulting attendance is expected to exceed 2,000. In addition, the Naval Academy Glee Club is expected to perform. Former Indiana Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis Bowen, has been invited to speak at the welcoming ceremony but at this time, a confirmation is pending.

As you know, a message from the President would be welcomed. If this is possible, I would appreciate your efforts in having the message sent to the following address:

Mr. John Oliver
U.S. Granules Corporation
Box 130
Plymouth, Indiana 46563
(219) 936 - 2146
FAX (219) 936 - 7991

Please direct any further questions you may have to Mr. Oliver. I appreciate your attention to this matter. If you need additional assistance, feel free to call me at 224-4814.

Sincerely,

Laurel Saparnis
Staff Assistant

Sent 5/18 message on 5/19
Mr. President:

I know you probably get a lot of requests but I'm asking a big favor and I hope you can fulfill it.

I'm from Hudson, Illinois a small rural town in Central Illinois. In June we are having our Prairie Days parade of which I am helping organize. We have several young men from there serving in the Gulf. They won't all be coming home at the same time but we want to honor them at our parade. So we are making them the parade marshall via their pictures. I have also been trying to get the names of all our veterans of our community, which I've found out isn't easy, so we can honor all of them, and what I'm asking if you is a message or wording from you to help me say thank you to all of our veterans at our parade and flag raising ceremony. If you can help, thank you if you can't I know you are very busy and I'll understand.

Jodie and my boyfriend and I are watching the salute to the troops at a lot different kind of homecoming than he had from Vietnam but it makes him proud that you stuck to your guns and got it over quick.

Thanks again

Judy Reik
Hudson Women's Club
P.O. Box 74 Hudson, Ill. 61748
April 17, 1991

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your letter in which you invite him and a delegation to participate in a Memorial Day Parade on May 27th.

Since this event is being planned in honor of the troops who served in the Persian Gulf, as well as all veterans, the President would most certainly want to join in the celebration with the citizens of Boulder City. Regrettably, however, due to previous commitments on his schedule for that day we must decline your very kind invitation.

The President appreciated your thoughtfulness of him and has asked me to extend his warm best wishes for a most joyous occasion.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

Ms. Barbara Knox
Mr. Keith Eland
Operation Godspeed, Inc.
557 California Ave.
Suite O.G.S.
Boulder City, NY 89005-2796

KLS:psh
cc: and incoming to message unit for consideration
March 15, 1991

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Bush:

The original goal of Operation Godspeed was to display as many flags as possible in Boulder City in support of our troops in the Persian Gulf.

Having reached that goal, we are now directing our efforts towards honoring Veterans of all wars with an emphasis on the Persian Gulf Veterans and our Vietnam Veterans, who never had their parade. We are planning a Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 1991 commencing at 9:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the Parade, the Southern Nevada Veteran’s Cemetery will be conducting the Veteran’s Memorial Service. Operation Godspeed is encouraging all parade participants and spectators to attend in honor of all our Veterans.

Operation Godspeed and the Mayor of Boulder City, Jon Porter, requests your delegation to join us for the celebration in honor of our Military Veterans. This will be Southern Nevada’s largest Parade honoring our Veterans of all Wars and we are sure you will want to participate.

We are proud to announce that all of our guest speakers will be members of local Veteran’s organizations.

This is our opportunity to honor those that are with us today and those that made the ultimate sacrifice, whom we owe so very much for our freedom.

Sincerely,

OPERATION GODSPEED

Barbara Knox
Secretary

Keith Eland
Parade Project Coordinator
March 15, 1991

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Sincerely,

OPERATION GODSPEED
April 23, 1991

TO: Shirley Green
FROM: Sheri Keniston
Secretary to Sig Rogich X2421

RE: Operation Gods speed

Operation Gods speed, from Boulder City, Nevada, is planning a "Welcome Home" Memorial Day parade with special emphasis on veterans. It is our understanding that they were also active with community support efforts during the Persian Gulf conflict.

For the past few weeks, we have communicated with Operation Gods speed about a number of different items (i.e. the President and Mrs. Bush's schedules, why the President could not donate a backhoe to the Veterans Cemetery, etc., etc., etc.) The latest request was for Mrs. Bush to call the mother of a Vietnam MIA whose remains were being returned to Nevada.

After discussion with Ann Brock, we thought it might be nice to present a special letter for the group in lieu of the other requests that have been made and rejected. (If this fits your criteria, Ann has asked that Mrs. Bush be included in the letter..."Barbara and I.")

I have forwarded all the background material on Operation Gods speed for you, but please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help.
"OPERATION GODSPEED"
557 California Ave. • Suite 500 • Boulder City • Nevada 89005-2796

4-18-1991

MS. SHERI KARRISTON:

Per our phone conversation yesterday, enclosed please find article that we would like Sig to get to Mrs. Bush.
As always we appreciate anything you can do for us.

Sincerely,

Daryl N. Thompson
Yet's remains being sent home

HONOLULU — The remains of a Boulder City man who was reported missing during the Vietnam War are being returned home after 25 years. Michael A. Hyder, 26, went missing in South Vietnam on Feb. 2, 1969, while serving in the U.S. Army. His remains were identified and returned on Tuesday.

His remains were among 20 others that were identified and returned from Vietnam in September. The identification was made possible by the DNA analysis program, which uses genetic material to identify remains. The program has identified and returned more than 8,000 remains to family members since its inception.

Hyder's family is grateful for the efforts of the Department of Defense and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. They hope that other families who are still waiting for answers will find closure with the help of the program.

If you believe you may have information about missing service members, please contact the Department of Defense at 1-800-269-8182.
LAS VEGAS SUN

OUTLOOK

THIS WEEK IN SUN

Haunted by the past

Family trying to deal with horror of Agent Orange

By Dayna Dunteman
LAS VEGAS SUN
CHLORIDE, Ariz. - On the surface, Ralph Brymer's brood could be the Waltons - they chatter and laugh together, hug and gently tease at one another as they sit in the living room of their sprawling old white house in this waist-high mining town about 10 miles southwest of Las Vegas. But unlike the TV clan, the Brymers live continuously in the shadow of something horrible and deadly which has drained the family physically, emotionally and financially, but has strengthened their resolve to fight it together.

Ralph and Marie Brymer and their four children have a name for the specter: Agent Orange.

They believe it has followed them ever since 1966-67, when Ralph set perimeter for the U.S. Army's 1st Air Cavalry Division at Aukha, in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. He watched as, every 48 to 72 hours, U.S. planes sprayed the chemical over potential Viet Cong jungle hideouts.

"It got into our food, our hair, on our skin," he says. "We could taste it. We would have it in our eyes. We were sleeping in it."

As time went on, the soldiers had nagging doubts about the chemical's safety, but promptly dismissed them, Brymer says.

Ralph Brymer, now 42, ended his tour of duty with a fungus infection, anxiety attacks, a rash on his neck, his uniform and forget Vietnam. He had other things to think about, like his pretty, young wife and the four children he raises.

By DAVID E. NELSON / STAFF

The Brymer Family includes Anna Leigh and Seth, front row, and Ralph, Marie, Jacque and Grant, back row.
Mayor asks sheriff to probe Miller

By Adrian A. Hayes
LAS VEGAS SUN

Las Vegas Mayor Ron Lurie has asked Sheriff John Moran to investigate possible misconduct by Councilman Steve Miller in encouraging a friend to bid for a new bus system.

"Because of Councilman Miller's conduct, the bidding process could have been contaminated," Lurie said in a letter to Moran. Miller said he was considering whether probable cause exists to investigate Miller's ties to architect Alan L. Blum, who owns Las Vegas Metropolitan Transit Inc., which was incorporated in 1989. Lurie, a member of the Regional Transportation Commission, had previously asked the Clark County district attorney's office and the state Ethics Commission to investigate Miller's mass transit decisions.

Miller was not immediately available for comment. Moran said he has asked District Attorney Rex Bell to assist him in the probe and asked Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa to determine whether violations of the state's ethics law have occurred.

The controversy emerged last week after RTC staff director Kurt Weinrich told the board that Miller's Dec. 21 letter gave a Southern California bus company the impression that Blum had an "inside track to the RTC decision-making process."

Blum has to date avoided interviews and on Wednesday met with Moran to discuss the matter.

"Since this was first brought to our attention," Lurie wrote to Moran, "the same day, "there has been a lot of discussion back and forth, but nothing has been resolved."

SEEMILLER, 6D

As a result of a heart attack, Joyce Hyde Phillips suffers from a stroke that leaves her isolated and dependent. She relies on her family for care.

By Ed Dodrill
LAS VEGAS SUN

You can sense the involuntary tightening somewhere inside Peggy Hyde Phillips' remains as she talks about the last time her daughter blessing in her 29 years of torment, despair and remorse.

A cruel woman by nature, she has endured a quarter-century of knowing what happened to her own daughter. Eight months after she was shot down by enemy ground fire in South Vietnam on Dec. 8, 1966.

Last week she was notified that one of 20 sets of human remains turned over to U.S. representatives by the Vietnamese government last September are those of her son, Capt. Michael Lewis Hyde.

Dental records and evidence of height, age and race confirmed that they were Hyde's remains.

Sitting in her living room under a painting of the pilot, she tries to recall the last words from the government's efforts to identify the remains being brought back from the Vietnam War. She speaks of the frustration of why action wasn't taken sooner, the conflicting reports, and the worst part of it, the unanswered questions.

Her son grew up in Boulder City

WHERE I STAND

BRIAN GREENSPUN

I was happy to see you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to all. What's your name?

And so goes the latest song City Councilman Steve Miller is singing to his constituents in his ongoing efforts to flood a majority of voters just long enough to elect him mayor of Las Vegas.

Wishing celebrants a happy day is considered a good idea by businesses as well as political consultants. If you're genuine in expressing your feelings, both co-workers and constituents will respond positively toward whatever you're saying.

Likewise, if you're sincere in your efforts to gain friends and influence

If you were ever to have a birthday celebration, this might be your best birthday. However, you might not be on Miller's good wishes list because the personal-best, carrier preferred birthday card means for her mailbox was sent to the wrong person.

Ed Nigro, who is also celebrating yet another in a long line of birthdays, received a card which was originally addressed to Joyce but which had her name crossed out and his inserted on the envelope.

While he understands that Miller rarely doesn't love damaging to his election efforts, as he needs more space to write, the time to get Nigro's name and birthday from a voter registration list has some ego appeal. But any good feelings were lost when Miller's Dec. 21 letter gave a Southern California bus company the impression that Blum had an "inside track to the RTC decision-making process."

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GEORGE HILL
April 10, 1991

Mr. Sid Rogich

Dear Mr. Rogich,

OPERATION GODSPEED INCORPORATED is a group of Boulder City residents whose original goal was to display the American Flag on every home and business in the city of Boulder City. This was in support of our troops in the Persian Gulf War. Having reached that goal of over 1,000 American Flags displayed, we are now directing our efforts toward honoring Veterans of all wars with emphasis on the Persian Gulf Veterans and our Vietnam Veterans "who never had their parade".

Godspeed is planning a Memorial Day "GOD BLESS ALL VETERANS" Parade on May 27, 1991 commencing at 9:30 a.m. This parade is the first Memorial Day Parade in the city of Boulder City. We at Operation Godspeed, along with the support and involvement of our fine mayor, Jon Porter, plan on making every Memorial Day a day of honor for all veterans by making this an annual parade. We feel it is important to bring back the real reason for Memorial Day besides the "three day holiday".

Boulder City is a unique city of approximately 13,000 residents. It is about 26 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada. We boast the home of Hoover Dam and the wonderful Lake Mead Recreation Area and, along with our adoptive Las Vegas, the great U.N.L.V. RUNNIN' REBELS. We also boast, most proudly, the home of the Southern Nevada Memorial Veterans Cemetery. As of April 6, 1991, the Cemetery has been opened for one year. Already 616 Veterans who served our country with pride and honor are buried there. This is the only Veterans Cemetery in the state of Nevada.

The Veterans Cemetery has been the focal point of Operation Godspeed's energies in so far as donations made to this operation. We are a non-profit organization, incorporated in March of this year. All money that has been donated through our flag efforts and fundraisers that are planned are being used for the purchase of a much needed Backhoe and Riding Lawnmower. Godspeed could think of no better place to donate our monies than for the men and women who served our country with pride and are now laid to rest under the care of our state cemetery.

At the conclusion of the parade, the Southern Nevada Cemetery will be conducting the Veterans Memorial Day Service in conjunction with Operation Godspeed. This will be commencing at 1:00 p.m. on May 27, 1991. Your representation in the parade would honor Operation Godspeed and the Veterans who have served for this great country.
Mr. Sid Rogich  
April 10, 1991  
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In late February Mayor Porter was honored to personally visit the White House as a guest of Sid Rogich. Mayor Porter presented Mr. Rogich with a package from Operation Godspeed to President Bush. This package contained a tape of our "Kick Off In The Park" on February 2, 1991. Representatives from Senator Reid’s office, Congressman Bilbray’s office, Congresswoman Vucanovich’s office presented Certificates of Special Recognition to Operation Godspeed. A personal appearance was made by Senator Bryan, who presented a flag from the Capitol in Washington D.C. to Operation Godspeed. This flag flies proudly above City Hall in Boulder City. Senator Bryan spoke of the President’s commitment to our troops in the Persian Gulf and the support he has shown and continues to show for our men and women who serve in the armed forces.

Las Vegas, Boulder City, Searchlight, Henderson and all of Southern Nevada’s Veterans Organizations will be participating, as well as commitments from four Las Vegas television stations, radio stations and all newspaper media. The media is very excited about what Boulder City has done and is doing.

Enclosed are copies of the Las Vegas Review Journal and the Las Vegas Sun articles which appeared in March. These will give you a better understanding of what we are trying to do and how we got started.

Feel free to contact any of the following persons for any further information you may need.

Christine A. Combs  
President/Operation Godspeed  
(702) 294-0743

Darryl Thompson  
Media and Publicity  
(702) 595-8291

Mayor Jon Porter  
Mayor of Boulder City, Nevada  
(702) 870-8357  
(702) 293-9202

FAX #  
(702) 294-2337

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

OPERATION GODSPEED

Christine A. Combs  
President

Enclosures
Residents join together to create Operation Godspeed

"Our goal is quite simple. We hope to see a flag flying from every residence and business in Boulder City.

Those words, spoken by Christine Combs, are the heart of Operation Godspeed, which officially kicks off Saturday.

Volunteers will be going door-to-door offering residents a 36-foot silk flag on a black and gold bracket, for a donation of $10.

The effort will continue for the entire year, with additional equipment being added.

In order to ensure that the money raised goes to the right place, the flag will be delivered to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Las Vegas.

"We decided that was the best solution we could come up with," Combs said.

"Operation Godspeed will be led by the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion.

"In addition, we have had a strong response from other members of the community.

"We have also received support from local businesses, who have donated supplies and materials.

"Thank you to all who have contributed to Operation Godspeed, a non-profit organization.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers for Boulder City Operation Godspeed will be needed at various locations throughout the year.

Additional volunteers will be needed in order to facilitate planning and execution.

Volunteers will be accepted in Boulder City at the Boulder City Community Center.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Christine Combs at 293-3461 or Karen Struzzi at 293-3461.

An interval meeting of the Boulder City Council will be held at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

"With the support of the community, we believe we can create a strong bond and raise awareness for the cause.

"Thank you for your support and dedication to Operation Godspeed.

"Please join us in making Boulder City a better place for all.

"Godspeed."
Flags

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called several local businessmen and politicians, soliciting help to raise money and recruit volunteers. Within a week, her efforts led to a hastily planned gathering in the town's Bicentennial Park that featured an appearance from U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev. Flanked by aides of Nevada's other congressional delegations, Bryan greeted Boulder City with a flag that had flown in the nation's capital.

Since that Feb. 2 kickoff celebration, Operation Godspeed has sold about 300 flags at $20 each, including bracket installation. Proceeds have been used to purchase flags for individuals who cannot afford them, and some money also will be donated to purchase a baccalaureate for the veterans cemetery. Combs is advocating that the flags be displayed at least until the troops return home.

"I now know more people in Boulder City than I ever did in nine years here," she said. "People have pulled together and we're getting to know a lot of people."

Every Monday and Friday, Operation Godspeed volunteers set the 3-by-5-foot nylon silk screen print flags up in front of local businesses, such as the Boulder Dam Credit Union. They also solicit flags by going door to door on Saturdays.

Now about 100 volunteers strong, but seeking others to join, the flags at Godspeed are now in memory of Combs' mother, who used the word to wish her children well whenever they left home — have applied for federal non-profit status and are planning other projects. One is a welcoming packet for the troops.

"The intent is also to honor the Vietnam Veterans who never got their parcels," Combs said. "We're going to have it right down main street."

Operation Godspeed has made flags available for purchase at the Boulder City Marine Inc., 1013 Nevada Highway, Travel Center, 800-929-1051, and First Interstate Bank, 412 Nevada Highway. They can also be ordered by calling 293-2034, 293-1122 or 293-5481.

JIM KNOX is one of the Godspeed volunteers helping citizens display flags.

FLAG MAINTENANCE from telephone
IF THE TROOPS NEED HELP, the owner of the Boulder City hotel appears ready to jump in with his own war matériel!
First Lady Barbara Bush

Dear Mrs. Bush,

OPERATION GODSPEED INCORPORATED is a group of Boulder City residents whose original goal was to display the American Flag on every home and business in the city of Boulder City. This was in support of our troops in the Persian Gulf War. Having reached that goal of over 1,000 American Flags displayed, we are now directing our efforts toward honoring Veterans of all wars with emphasis on the Persian Gulf Veterans and our Vietnam Veterans "who never had their parade".

Godspeed is planning a Memorial Day "GOD BLESS ALL VETERANS" Parade on May 27, 1991 commencing at 9:30 a.m. This parade is the first Memorial Day Parade in the city of Boulder City. We at Operation Godspeed, along with the support and involvement of our fine mayor, Jon Porter, plan on making every Memorial Day a day of honor for all veterans by making this an annual parade. We feel it is important to bring back the real reason for Memorial Day besides the "three day holiday".

Boulder City is a unique city of approximately 13,000 residents. It is about 26 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada. We boast the home of Hoover Dam and the wonderful Lake Mead Recreation Area and, along with our adoptive Las Vegas, the great U.N.L.V. RUNNIN’ REBELS. We also boast, most proudly, the home of the Southern Nevada Memorial Veterans Cemetery. As of April 6, 1991, the Cemetery has been opened for one year. Already 616 Veterans who served our country with pride and honor are buried there. This is the only Veterans Cemetery in the state of Nevada.

The Veterans Cemetery has been the focal point of Operation Godspeed’s energies in so far as donations made to this operation. We are a non-profit organization, incorporated in March of this year. All money that has been donated through our flag efforts and fundraisers that are planned are being used for the purchase of a much needed Backhoe and Riding Lawnmower. Godspeed could think of no better place to donate our monies than for the men and women who served our country with pride and are now laid to rest under the care of our state cemetery.

At the conclusion of the parade, the Southern Nevada Cemetery will be conducting the Veterans Memorial Day Service in conjunction with Operation Godspeed. This will be commencing at 1:00 p.m. on May 27, 1991. Your representation in the parade would honor Operation Godspeed and the Veterans who have served for this great country.
Mrs. Bush
April 10, 1991
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In late February Mayor Porter was honored to personally visit the White House as a guest of Sld Rogich. Mayor Porter presented Mr. Rogich with a package from Operation Godspeed to President Bush. This package contained a tape of our "Kick Off In The Park" on February 2, 1991. Representatives from Senator Reid's office, Congressman Bilbray's office, Congresswoman Vucanovich's office presented Certificates of Special Recognition to Operation Godspeed. A personal appearance was made by Senator Bryan, who presented a flag from the Capitol in Washington D.C. to Operation Godspeed. This flag flies proudly above City Hall in Boulder City. Senator Bryan spoke of the President's commitment to our troops in the Persian Gulf and the support he has shown and continues to show for our men and women who serve in the armed forces.

Las Vegas, Boulder City, Searchlight, Henderson and all of Southern Nevada's Veterans Organizations will be participating, as well as commitments from four Las Vegas television stations, radio stations and all newspaper media. The media is very excited about what Boulder City has done and is doing.

Enclosed are copies of the Las Vegas Review Journal and the Las Vegas Sun articles which appeared in March. These will give you a better understanding of what we are trying to do and how we got started.

Feel free to contact any of the following persons for any further information you may need.

Christine A. Combs  (702) 294-0743
President/Operation Godspeed

Darryl Thompson  (702) 595-8291
Media and Publicity

Mayor Jon Porter  (702) 870-8357
Mayor of Boulder City, Nevada (702) 293-9202

FAX #  (702) 294-2337

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,
OPERATION GODSPEED

Christine A. Combs  
President

Enclosures
WHILE YOU WERE OUT

3/19/91  4:30

M. Harvay Thompson

Operator: Godspeed

Phone: 702-895-8291

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Operator [signature]

Document Originally Attached to Following Page
March 29, 1991

President George Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear President Bush,

I am writing on behalf of "Operation Godspeed" and to bring you up to date on our progress.

I hope you have received our letter asking you to be in our Parade on May 27, 1991, Memorial Day. This would be the greatest tribute you could give our Veterans by attending their Parade and Memorial Service.

We have mailed out 325 parade entries so far to mainly the Veterans Chapters, all high schools, local organizations, all state officials, etc. We are very excited about the positive response we are receiving in regards to our Parade. Several Vietnam Veterans have read about "Operation Godspeed" and called us saying they want to be in our Parade. These are veterans that don't belong to a chapter here. Their support and appreciation is so heart warming, it makes us want to work that much harder, to make this the largest parade for veterans that Southern Nevada has ever had.

I don't understand why it has taken so long to right a wrong. It is really a shame that it took another war to give us the opportunity to honor those Veterans of Vietnam, but the country has finally taken a positive stand in supporting our Servicemen and Women. I can not think of a more appropriate time to honor Vietnam Veterans as well as all veterans than now.

We are very proud to have the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery here in Boulder City, Nevada. Since Operation Godspeed has begun, we are becoming more and more aware of the needs of our veterans and their cemetery. For instance, it is my understanding that the state put up half of the funds to build the Veterans Cemetery and the federal government put up the other half. Yet neither has taken the time to see to it that the cemetery has the proper equipment to dig the graves or mow the lawn. I have been told that some of the graves have been dug by hand. Isn't that ridiculous? Why would the government help build a Veterans Cemetery and leave them without funds to maintain it? This is very hard for me to understand.
The cemetery is a little over a year old and already we have over 500 veterans laid to rest. The fact that they don’t have a backhoe or a riding lawn mower to maintain the grounds is very embarrassing to, not only the Veterans, but to Boulder City. I am sure the government must have lots of heavy duty equipment that is not being used, that could be put to good use at our cemetery.

Operation Godspeed has already pledged to purchase a riding lawn mower. What we would like you to do, to help us, is supply the cemetery with a backhoe. A used one from Nellis or wherever would be a tremendous help to them. Would you please try to help us accomplish this?

Without our veterans, we would not be a free Nation, this is little to ask for those that have given their lives, wouldn’t you say?

In closing, I would like to say any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

OPERATION GODSPEED

Barbara Knox

/cc Mr. Sig Rogich
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C., 20510
Date: 5-4-91

TO: Linda

FROM: KATHY SUPER
Deputy Director for Appointments
Office of Presidential Appointments
and Scheduling
Ext. 7560

Please consider a message,
we have regretted. Thanks.

Sent 5/8 all vets on 5/9
April 26, 1991

Attention

Ms. Super

6 & 6 pages to follow
April 26, 1991

Dear Ms. Super:

Once again I am writing to you to thank you for extending Thomson Elementary Schools invitation to President Bush to attend our ceremony honoring ALL Veterans on May 30th. You sent us his regrets for this date. We learned he will be in Colorado on the 29th of May and we re-requested the honor of his presence for the 29th of May. Again, President Bush sent his regrets.

Our list of distinguished guests continues to grow. We have located the last POW released from Vietnam, Robert White. He is living in Denver Colorado and will be at our dedication ceremony on May 30th.

We also have a retired Army Captain from Vietnam, Mr. B.T. Collins, now the Chief of Staff to the Governor of California, coming to Colorado on the 29th of May to attend the Veterans dinner provided by the fourth grade cook club. His airline ticket was donated to us by a local travel agency, Indian Tree Travel in Arvada.

Captain Thomas Shultz from the Colorado Air National Guard has been working with us to try and get a fly over of jets during our ceremony. This has been confirmed today. A fly over of A-7 jets will fly over the school at the end of our ceremony.

Military personnel from each branch of the service, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard will be in the school to teach about their respective branch of the service. They have all been given a showcase at the school to bring in items from their branch of the service and have them be on display at Thomson Elementary.

We are working closely with all branches of the services to get static displays on our school grounds. The Colorado Air National Guard is providing us with a Howitzer so that we can honor those men and women who have lost their lives for our countries freedom.

We truly wish that we could include President Bush in our Ceremony May 30, 1991, or have him stop by Thomson Elementary while he is in Colorado on May 29, 1991. If this is still not a possibility, may we request that President Bush have a representative in attendance at our dedication ceremony on May 30, 1991.

If there is no representative available from the White House on this day, we are still requesting a Presidential address so that we may read it to the students, staff and distinguished guests at our ceremony on May 30, 1991.

I must stress to you and President Bush that this memorial is not limited to the honoring of just Operation Desert Storm, but, ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE PROUDLY SERVED OUR COUNTRY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR DEMOCRACY, THE MINUTEMEN THROUGH DESERT STORM. We are requesting a Presidential address that includes...
April 26, 1991

ALL VETERANS. We wish this to be a memorable day for all men and women who have bravely fought to keep America free from dictatorship.

In the Presidential address we are requesting could you please be very specific to include ALL VETERANS, OF ALL CONFLICTS.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Sincerely

Jodi Whyard
7530 Teller St.
Arvada, Colorado 80003
(303-421-2095)
On May 28th, 29th, and 30th, Thomson Elementary School and its community will be celebrating "Patriots' Week". During this month and especially these three days, you will be honored and recognized as a Defender of our Freedom. All five branches of the armed services will be represented and remembered from the days of the Minutemen to the Warriors in the Persian Gulf.

Here's what we've planned:

**May 28th, Tuesday - Get to Know a Patriot**

The students and staff hope you will come to our school and contribute to their understanding of American History. How about playing checkers, reading and telling stories, or drawing pictures to mention a few? We feel your contact with them will remain in their hearts and minds forever. School begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. More details will be sent your way.

**May 29th, Wednesday - Parade and Dinner**

At 1:00 p.m., a parade in your honor is designed to involve you, your family, students, staff, and other community members. Full honor guard, including flags representing each branch of the service, will be present along with many other representatives of area V.F.W.'s.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., you and your spouse or a friend are invited as our special guest for spaghetti dinner. This gala event is sponsored by the 4th grade Cook Club. Dinner will be served in the gym and you can expect to be entertained by some outstanding performers.

**May 30th, Thursday - Memorial Ceremony**

On this last day of "Patriots' Week", you'll be our Honored Guest at the memorial dedication ceremony. The students, staff, and community have planned an outstanding program that you will truly be proud of. A reception in the school library will begin at 12:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your spouse or friends with you. At 12:45 p.m., you will be escorted from the library to your reserved seats. Your spouse and friends will also have special seating. The ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARJORIE K. THOMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7760 HARLAN STREET
ARVADA, COLORADO 80003
(303-427-8110)

THOMSON ELEMENTARY VETERAN MEMORIAL

I. WHY IS IT UNIQUE?

1.) The idea came from Alisha Jeanperrin, a 4th grade student.

2.) Alisha formed a group of students who listed 10 reasons why they wanted a memorial.

3.) Thomson students and their families designed the face of the memorial.

4.) The 6th grade students are writing letters to community businesses asking for donations.

5.) Fifth grade students are writing letters to invite the governor, state and federal senators and representatives.

6.) A medallion designed and constructed by students will be presented to each veteran.

7.) Students are supported by a committee made up of parents and educators.

8.) Students will visit veterans in hospitals.

II. WHO IS REMEMBERED?

1.) Honor ALL service personnel from the Minutemen to Desert Storm. All five services will be represented.

2.) All veteran men and women who served during peace time and in time of war will be honored equally. Dead and Alive.

3.) Veterans from the Thomson Elementary community will be invited as Guests of Honor.

III. PATRIOTS' WEEK! May 28th, 29th, 30th

1.) Throughout these 3 days, service personnel will visit classes at school to teach about their respective branch of the service.

This will be the cover of our memorial.
2.) Provide an opportunity for teaching our nation's history when the interest is high.

3.) Play softball, basketball, or just have a conversation with a patriot.

4.) Have tents pitched and helicopters and paratroopers land in our huge playground.

5.) The afternoon of May 29th, a parade will be held with full military honor guard, high school marching band, students wearing especially designed T-shirts, etc.

6.) The evening of May 29th, veterans and their spouses will be the guests for dinner provided by the Thomson 4th grade Cook Club.

7.) On May 30th (THE REAL MEMORIAL DAY) the students and their community will present their Memorial Celebration and Dedication for the veterans.
   Music - School choir and band
   Speeches - By students, veterans, and President Bush, if possible
   Medallion presentation.
   Unveiling of Memorial and Dedication.
   Fly over of jets, helicopters, etc. A-7's have been confirmed

GO HOME FEELING PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Patriotically yours,

Arleyné Morgan
Principal

Jodi & Clyde Whyard

Dickran Nahikian
Memorial Project Directors
This is our memorial for the Space Challenger Shuttle that exploded in January 1986. Our new memorial will be the same size and shape but will have a different face. It will sit directly across from our current memorial.
April 19, 1991

Dear Ms. Moore:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your invitation for him to attend your "Welcome Home" celebration on June 2.

We appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that, due to the heavy demands on his schedule, he will be unable to accept your kind invitation. However, he asked me to convey to you his sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and to extend to you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

Ms. Sharon Moore
The Presbyterian Church
11 Leah Court
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

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cc: with copy of incoming to message unit
The Presbyterian Church

William H. Philips  Edna Stieg, Director
Pastor  Christian Education

Nancy Fewless, Director  Leslie Jewett
Early Childhood Education  Financial Secretary

March 29, 1991

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, I would like to invite you and your family to participate in a celebration honoring the troops returning from the Persian Gulf.

Let me explain our reasons for hoping that you in particular may be able to come. After a church service one Sunday I noticed a list provided by the American Red Cross of all Butler County, Ohio, service people's names and addresses who were participating in Desert Shield. I took a copy home. Realizing that some might not receive any letters from home, my husband and I began writing letters to each person on the list. Because of the scope of the project (before it was over we were writing to 214 people) we enlisted help from other church members.

Four letters have been sent so far, beginning with Christmas cards in November. We enclosed copies of comic strips from the newspapers, orange ribbons, a couple of sticks of gum. Response from the soldiers has been very gratifying.

On June 2, 1991, our church is heading up a community-wide welcome home to the veterans of Desert Storm. If you could be with us, it would "make our day." It would also add an important dimension to the 200th anniversary of the building of Fort Hamilton and the founding of our city. Hamilton celebrates its bicentennial this summer. But if you cannot come, we would be grateful if you or someone on your staff could send us your autographed picture and a letter to the veterans. We would give these to the museum housed in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial at the heart of our city.

President Bush, we send our sincere thanks for all your sacrifices during this trying time. As we have closed each of our letters going across the ocean from Hamilton...

God Bless You,

Sharon Moore, Volunteer Chair
Letters to the Soldiers
11 Leah Ct.
Hamilton, OH 45013

Sent 5/8 message on 5/9
Dear F. L. Moore, 

21 FEB 91 (47)

Thank you for the letter from your church. It is really good for morale of all soldiers to see that everyone at home is caring and supporting us so much.

Please tell everyone at your church "thank you" for me. My tank crew and I read Psalm 91 each day for strength.

I’ve read in the Journal News about all the things the people of Butler County are doing for us. That is Patriotism at its best.

Again, thank you and for me thank the members of your church. Your support will be well remembered!

Sincerely

Sgt. David S. Flenner

*This letter was a response from one of our many letters sent to Desert Storm. David is from Butler County.*
March 18, 1991

The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On May 26, 1991, our congregation will be recognizing all those who have served in the military services. At this time we have approximately 160 members who have served their country in the military, from World War I to the present Operation Desert Storm. We wish to recognize their service and celebrate the return of all our country's troops from the Middle East during a special service on the afternoon of the 26th.

We wish to include a letter from you which would be read during this recognition celebration.

We each very much appreciate the fine work you are doing as our President and we hope that this request may be fulfilled.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

The Rev. James L. Dougherty, Pastor

mailed 5/8 all vets on 5/15
President Bush  
Washington, D.C.  

May 6, 1991  

Dear President Bush:  

On the 26th of May (Sunday) we are going to be honoring all of the people within our congregation who have served and who are presently serving in the Armed Forces.  

Would it be possible to receive a letter of recognition & thanks for your office. I will be looking forward to your response. Thank you very much.  

Sincerely,  

Ron Fisher  
Don Brown  
Ministers
May 20, 1991

Dear Ms. Giltner, Ms. Allen and Ms. Wiggam:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your invitation for him to attend the dedication ceremony.

We appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that, due to the heavy demands on his schedule, he will be unable to accept your kind invitation. However, he asked me to convey to you his sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and to extend to you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

Ms. Bertha Giltner
Ms. Charlotte Allen
Ms. Helen Wiggam
109 Poplar Street
New Washington, IN  47162

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cc:  copy of incoming to message unit
President George Bush  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C.  

May 26, 1991  

Dear Mr. President:  

Thank you again for your wise decision on the war in the Persian Gulf. Thank you and your family for being good Christians. I do believe there were millions of people who turned to God in prayer in this crisis and I hope we continue to believe that God is our leader and with Him, nothing is impossible. He is the ruler over all.

I would like to share with you that the community of New Washington, Ind. are putting up or erecting a memorial to pay tribute to all the servicemen and women who honorably served our country during times of War and Peace.

The dedication ceremony will be May 26, 1991 at 2:00 PM, at Crown Hill Cemetery in New Washington. The wars of WWI - WWII - Korea - Vietnam and the Persian Gulf will be listed on the marble memorial. Also the Townships of Washington, Bethlehem, Oregon and town of Clark Co., Ind. The five branches of the military symbols and the Bald Eagle will also be on the stone.

We have planned a program with the Color Guard, rifle squad and tape with Col. Frank Hoes giving the dedicatory address. He is 93 years old and has served in four wars. We were very honored that he could come.

We would like to have you as our guest, but we understand how busy you are but we wanted you to know what we are doing for our people and needed your prayers that this could be accomplished.

Thank you for taking time to read our letter. We shall look forward to hearing from you. Thank you again for all your good works. There is still a lot to do, but with God's help, it will be accomplished.

Sincerely,

The Memorial Committee
The Memorial Committee

Bertie Siltner
Charlotte Allen
Helen Weggam

109 Poplar St.
New Washington
Indiana 47162
April 17, 1991

White House  
Linda DeHart  
Room 18  
Fax #202-456-2926

Dear Ms. DeHart,

Fellowship Baptist Church will be honoring our Armed Forces personnel and veterans on May 19, 1991. It would be a wonderful complement to those services to have a letter from President Bush expressing gratitude for all of the efforts and sacrifices of our men and women who now serve or have in the past served our country.

We have men and their families who participated in Operation Desert Storm. We also will be giving special recognition to our Vietnam Vets.

If you have any further questions, you can reach me at (804) 465-1305 or (804) 483-0386. Our mailing address is:

Fellowship Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 9205  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Thank you for your help!

Because He Lives,

Lynn Hardaway  
Pastor

LH:slm

sent 5/18 all vets on 5/19

"Love Worth Sharing"
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 4/5/91

TO: LINDA

FROM: KRISTIN THOMPSON
Office of Presidential Appointments
Scheduling
Ext. 7560-2823

Would you please handle the attached two requests?

THANKS!
Ms. Katherine L. Super  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Appointments and Scheduling  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Super:

Thank you for your letter turning down our invitation for May 18, for the President to attend.

Would it be possible to get a letter from President Bush, so Mayor Bill Ball could read it to all our Veterans at the City’s Home Town U.S.A. (Theme of Fremont’s) Welcome Home to ALL VETERANS OF ALL WARS on Armed Forces Day May 18, 1991.

Sincerely,

James E. Sharp  
Chairman  
TRI-COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE

cc Mayor Bill Ball

sent 5/18 all vets on 5/19
Date: April 12, 1991

TO: Linda DeHart

FROM: MARY GABRIEL HARPRING
       Office of Legislative Affairs

1. No videotape - written message ok
2. Please return to Albuquerque office

Thanks.

Document Originally Attached to Following Page
April 12, 1991

Dear Steve:

Thank you for your letter requesting a message from the President to be read at a welcome home rally for the troops, to be held on May 17.

I am forwarding your correspondence to the appropriate White House office for attention and consideration. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like me to do.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Nicholas E. Calio,
Deputy Assistant to the President

The Honorable Steven Schiff
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
The Honorable Nick Calio  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Legislative Affairs  
Washington, D.C. 20500  

Dear Nick:

I am writing to request your assistance in obtaining a videotaped message from the President welcoming our troops home to New Mexico from their tour of duty in the Persian Gulf.

Alice King, New Mexico’s First Lady, is chairing a state-wide task force that is planning an event all New Mexicans can take part in on May 17. This welcome home rally will honor our 2,000 active duty and reserve troops, as well as veterans’ groups who have served in previous conflicts.

The event will be held in the University of New Mexico Football Stadium. This location was chosen because the facility can easily accommodate parking and seating for 40,000 spectators. There will be no charge for this event, which will kick off a series of events that are scheduled throughout the weekend honoring our returning servicemen and women.

We would like to include as part of the ceremony a one to two minute videotaped message from President Bush welcoming our troops home. We would be happy to provide your office with a suggested script if you so desire.

Kathie Leyendecker, a member of my Congressional Staff in Albuquerque, is the Congressional Liaison for this event. She will be calling you next week to review this request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Schiff

SS/k1

Sent 5/18 all vets on 5/19
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 9, 1991

Linda,
I have regretted this by phone. Would you please consider.

Thanks!

Kristin

Document Originally Attached to Following Page
The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President & Mrs. Bush,

The San Antonio Police Officers Assoc., and the San Antonio Professional Fire Fighters Assoc. in conjunction with the City of San Antonio take pleasure in announcing Friday May 17, 1991 as the date of our welcome home and tribute to the troops and support personal of Desert Storm, as well as Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, and Panama.

We will start with a ceremony at six o'clock that afternoon in front of the Vietnam Memorial to honor all veterans who gave their lives for our country. At about six fifteen our parade will begin, which will consist of veterans and their families who served in the above war's. The parade will end at the Alamo, where the main ceremony will take place.

We would consider it a MONUMENTAL HONOR if our President and First Land, Mrs. Bush could be our guest of honor at this event. We realize that your busy schedule keeps you and Mrs. Bush from attending many event's, but do hope that either one of you would attend.

Our alternative request would be a letter from you and Mrs. Bush, so that we may be able to present it at our rally.

We will be waiting in anticipation for your response.

Very respectfully yours,

Sgt. Jimmy Willborn
President
San Antonio Police Officers Association
April 15, 1991

President's Office on Messages
The Whitehouse
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

I would like to have the enclosed draft letter sent from President Bush to the people of Flint as we celebrate the return of our Desert Storm troops and a dedication ceremony for our Vietnam era veterans on Armed Forces Day, May 18, 1991.

If you require additional information please contact Elizabeth Murphy, Communications Director, on 313-766-7346.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Collier
Mayor

Send 5/18 all vets on 5/19
May 18, 1991

The Honorable Matthew S. Collier
City of Flint
1101 S. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI  48502

Dear Mayor Collier and the Citizens of Flint:

I wish to add my "Welcome Home!" as you hold your Desert Storm Homecoming Parade in Flint, Michigan.

Armed Forces Day is a very appropriate time to both welcome home your local troops and provide a special recognition for the men and women who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam Veterans Parkway along the Flint River should be a place of honor and remembrance for those who valiantly fought but were uncelebrated upon their return.

Forevermore, let us provide our soldiers the care and concern demonstrated by the American public during this recent conflict.

Enjoy your day Flint, and God Bless America!

Sincerely,

George Bush
President
April 19, 1991

Dear Ms. Crossland:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your invitation for him to attend your patriotic event on May 15.

We appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that, due to the heavy demands on his schedule, he will be unable to accept your kind invitation. However, he asked me to convey to you his sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and to extend to you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Appointments and Scheduling

Ms. Rebecca Crossland  
Post Office Box 209  
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180

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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Again, congratulations on a job well done. May God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Crossland
Special Projects
Wendy White 5/11/91
April 19, 1991

Dear Ms. Crossland:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your invitation for him to attend your patriotic event on May 15.

We appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that, due to the heavy demands on his schedule, he will be unable to accept your kind invitation. However, he asked me to convey to you his sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and to extend to you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President
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Ms. Rebecca Crossland
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January 25, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

FROM: RICHARD N. HAASS

SUBJECT: Comments on Public Statement

Attached are my comments on the public statement regarding the Gulf crisis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memo to Philip Brady at Tab I.

Attachment:
Tab I Memo to Phillip Brady
Tab A Comments
January 25, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP BRADY

FROM: WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Comments on Public Statement

Attached at Tab A are the comments on the public statement regarding the Gulf crisis. The NSC concurs with the changes as noted.

Attachment
Tab A Comments
January 24, 1991

I am pleased to send greetings to everyone gathered for this special occasion dedicated to U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region. This is a wonderful way to stand in solidarity with our brave service men and women who are now taking part in the liberation of Kuwait.

The United States has acted in cooperation with its coalition partners to uphold the principle of national sovereignty and international order and to defend the lives of innocent people. Our troops' mission -- to restore the legitimate government of Kuwait and to deter further Iraqi aggression -- is a noble one; yet, it is also fraught with difficulty and danger. Iraq's blatant violation of international conventions regarding the treatment of noncombatants and POW's has outraged millions of people and underscored the threat posed by Saddam Hussein.

The daily course of armed conflict is often unpredictable, and, yes, we will have our "ups and downs." However, one thing is certain: we will prevail. I am grateful that our troops face the challenges before them knowing that they have the steadfast support and heartfelt prayers of millions of people like you.

On behalf of our service men and women, thank you, and God bless you.
TO: SITTMANN

FROM: BRADY, P

KEYWORDS: IRAQ
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PUBLIC STATEMENT RE GULF CRISIS

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