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**Name of Correspondent:** The Reverend William Artzeder

**Mi Mail Report**

**User Codes:** (A) (B) (C)

**Subject:** Invitation for the President to attend a Support Our Troops Rally on May 24, 1991 in Oak Forest, Illinois - Inability to accept request, message

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**FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
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**Comments:** May 12th. Generic Event Storm Rally Attendee

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March 11, 1991

Dear Dr. Schroeder:

On behalf of the President, thank you for your invitation for him to attend the Support Our Troop Rally on March 24, 1991.

We appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President. Although the President would enjoy being with you, I regret to write that, due to an already heavily committed schedule, he will be unable to accept your invitation.

With regard to your request for a representative of the President, we have worked with several offices within the Administration to try to fulfill your request. Unfortunately, in light of projected scheduling commitments of these individuals, we are unable to arrange for an appropriate representative.

However, on behalf of the President, please accept our best wishes and appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

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

The Reverend William Schroeder, D.D.
Oak Forest Baptist Temple
5217 West 149th Street
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

cc: with copy of incoming to Linda DeHart

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"Attend the Support Our Troop Rally on March 24th."

cc: w/copy of incoming to Linda Dehart

Desert Storm msg
March 24
The President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

My dear Mr. President:

I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend a Support Our Troop Rally Sunday morning, March 24. Viet Nam veteran, Major Chuck Cofty, U.S. Marine retiree will speak. Major Cofty shares his great love for both God and country. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

We would be honored if you, or an official representative could attend this important event of our church. Our theme is Join Our Troops (at home) and Support our Troops (serving our country).

We are counting on many Oak Forest and surrounding community people to support on that Sunday; and would certainly be honored to have you in attendance.

We are doing this, Mr. President, to let you and our world know that we support you, and pray for you in this crucial time in the history of our nation.

Thank you for considering this, hope to hear from you soon.

Yours for a strong America,  
Oak Forest Baptist Temple

Dr. Bill Schroeder  
Pastor

A Friendly Church With a Gospel Message
March 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR LINDA DEHART

FROM: TERRI WOODS
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Is a written message appropriate for the attached request?
As always, thanks for your help in this matter.

Mar 12th msg filed 3/20
& mailed 3/23

[Signature]

Send to Barrie From (000 195)
March 11, 1991

President George H. Bush
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Operation Yellow Ribbon's Teen Support Group would like to invite you and Mrs. Bush to attend a "Victory Celebration" on the steps of the Hendersonville County Courthouse Building on Main Street, Hendersonville, North Carolina. Our Rally will be held on Saturday, March 23, 1991 at 11:00 a.m.

Operation Yellow Ribbon was founded August 15, 1990 to support our military men and women deploying to the Middle East. We began by making, and always giving away, yellow ribbons and bows to remind everyone "not to forget" our military. We organized a very successful patriotic celebration, Armed Forces Appreciation Day, on October 20th. We have displayed large yellow bows with each military person's name on them on the lamp posts of downtown Hendersonville and mailed sixteen (16) pound boxes to our sixty-eight (68) Henderson County troops at Christmas. We also won the Mayor's trophy for our float depicting military support in the annual Christmas parade. We have adopted military personnel to ninety (90) classes in Henderson County and City schools and we stay in touch by mail with all of our troops.

After the air war started, we felt the need for a Teen Military Support Group as we now have more than 130 Henderson County military personnel serving in Operation Desert Storm. Our youth came up with the idea and plans for a "Victory Rally" to show continued support and concern for our military men and women who have fought so bravely in Desert Storm. Our teens are calling this rally "Students Supporting Our Soldiers".

We are helping them implement their plans and ideas and we extend to you and your wife a most warm and enthusiastic invitation to be with us in celebrating "Students Supporting Our Soldiers".

Sincerely,

Jonell Brown and Linda Taylor
Organizers of Operation Yellow Ribbon

JB/LT/jaf

fax # 704-693-4235
For years, Billy Seagraves and his older brother, Eddie, shared a room, listened to music and hung out together.

Now, Eddie, 22, is an Army corporal serving in the Middle East, and Billy, 17, is a high school senior busy planning his future.

"After graduation, I'm going to work for a year and save up some money and go on a mission for my church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," he said. "Then, I'm going to join the Navy."

But, right now, it's his brother's future that Billy is concerned about.

Eddie was deployed to Saudi Arabia on Dec. 23 with the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, Hawk Missile Division.

The last letter Billy and his family received from Eddie was dated Jan. 15, the day before war began. The letter arrived in the Seagraves' mailbox last Friday.

"He was in Bahrain at the time, but he said in three or four days he'd be shipped out, and he couldn't say where," Billy said. "He said morale was high, that things got scary at night, but during the day, everything was all right."

There's a note of pride in Billy's voice when he talks about his brother.

"He's one of the guys who sets up the ground-to-air missiles and fires them," he said.

It's that pride that made Billy want to do something special for Eddie and the other troops involved in Operation Desert Storm.

Two weeks ago, during a meeting of Operation Yellow Ribbon Teen Support Group, Billy and four other group members were talking about how they could show support for their friends and family members in the Middle East.

"My sister Julie suggested a walk-out at school, and someone else said we should have a pep rally for all the schools," Billy said.

But Billy envisioned something else, something more visible — a parade.

"The reason why I thought of a parade is, if you're going straight down Main Street, you can't help but notice a parade," he said. "Even if you're not going to the parade, if you're just passing by, you're going to see there's a parade, and you're going to know we support our troops."

Planning for the parade, scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23, is just getting under way.

A letter requesting permission for the parade must be sent to City Hall. Police must be asked to provide traffic and crowd control. Merchants must be approached about donating prizes, and floats and bands and veterans groups must be lined up.

But Billy has everything outlined in his mind. "Each float will have to show something about supporting the troops," he said. "And we could have the local high school bands marching, because kids from East, West and Hendersonville all go to the support group meetings."

Billy's goal is to get people involved.

"I think lots of people will want to get involved in a parade because there are tons of people around here who have people in Saudi Arabia," he said. "This is just a good way to show our support and get together."

As for his brother, Billy prays for the best. "I feel he's doing exactly what he wants to do, and I'm proud of him for doing it," Billy said. "I just hope he returns safe and all together."

Roann Bishop, Hendersonville Times-News.