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MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature is a proposed Executive Order entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm."

This Order was submitted by Veterans Affairs and is concurred in by OMB, Justice, NSC, WHMO, and the Offices of Cabinet Affairs, Communications, Legislative Affairs, and Policy Development. Counsel has no legal objection.

Thank you.

Phillip D. Brady
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Richard Darman

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

SUMMARY: This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed Executive order prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This proposed order would permit VA to contract with private facilities to help provide health care services for veterans and Armed Forces personnel on active duty in Operation Desert Storm.

BACKGROUND: Section 5011A of title 38, United States Code, provides that the Department of Veterans Affairs may furnish hospital care and medical services to Armed Forces personnel on active duty during a national emergency declared by the President that involves the use of the Armed Forces in armed conflict. As part of that care, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may, upon request by the Department of Defense, enter into contracts with private facilities to provide hospital care and medical services for veterans.

By contracting out with private facilities, VA could free bed space for treatment of Armed Forces personnel during and following Operation Desert Storm and continue treatment for other veterans.

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None of the affected agencies objects to the proposed Executive order.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that you sign the proposed Executive order.

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Re: Proposed Executive Order entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

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The proposed Order is approved with respect to its form and legality.

[Signature]
J. Michael Luttig
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
February 12, 1991

The President,
The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR OPERATION DESERT STORM

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THE WHITE HOUSE,

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Thanks.
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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** 02/12/91  **ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:** C.O.B. 02/13/91  

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**RESPONSE:**

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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702
THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release February 14, 1991

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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GEORGE BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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Honorable Dick Thornburgh
United States Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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Your staff may direct any questions concerning this proposed Executive order to Mr. Mac Reed of this office (202-395-5600).

This proposed Executive order has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Damus
Acting General Counsel

Enclosure
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
January 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: Mac Reed
       Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

The following Executive departments and agencies do not object to the proposed Executive order.

1. White House Counsel's Office .......... S. Rademaker (395-5026)
2. White House Office of Policy Development .............. C. Kolb (456-6515)
3. Department of Justice .............. M. Wysocki (514-4487)
4. Department of Defense .............. S. Brick (697-1305)
6. Department of the Treasury .......... R. Carro (566-2523)
January 25, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR DESIGNATED AGENCY HEADS
(SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST)

FROM: Robert G. Damus  
Acting General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

Attached is a proposed Executive order entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm."

It was prepared by the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, as amended.

On behalf of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, I would appreciate receiving any comments you may have concerning this proposal. If you have any comments or objections, they should be received no later than noon Tuesday, January 29, 1991. Please be advised that agencies that do not respond by the January 29, 1991 deadline will be recorded as not objecting to the proposal.

Comments or inquiries may be submitted by telephone to Mr. Mac Reed or Ms. Bess Weaver of this office (Phone: 395-5600; Fax: 395-7289).

Thank you.

Attachments - Distribution List
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Proposed Executive Order

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Assistant to the President
   for National Security Affairs
THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

The Honorable Richard G. Darman
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Darman:

Enclosed please find seven copies of a proposed draft executive order authorizing the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs and of Defense to cooperate in furnishing health-care services to members of the United States Armed Forces during and following the hostilities in the Middle East, associated with Operation Desert Storm.

This executive order would require the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs and of Defense to cooperate to the fullest extent possible to furnish care to members of the United States Armed Forces during and following the hostilities in the Middle East, associated with Operation Desert Storm. In addition, the executive order would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private facilities for hospital care and medical services for veterans to the fullest extent authorized by 38 U.S.C. § 5011A(b)(1)-(2) in the event that the Department of Veterans Affairs furnishes care and services to members of the United States Armed Forces pursuant to the executive order. VA's role set forth in the enclosed 1982 Memorandum of Understanding between VA and DoD requires VA to find outside facilities to continue care to veterans. This executive order would enable VA to contract for such care. Section 5011A(b)(1) requires Presidential authorization for VA to enter into these contracts.

Please process this proposed draft executive order in accordance with the instructions for preparing, presenting, filing, and publishing executive orders in Executive Order 11030, as amended.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Edward J. Berwinsk

Enclosures (8)
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/12/91       ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: C.O.B. 02/13/91

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Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

February 7, 1991

THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Richard Darman

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Sincerely,

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Robert G. Damus  
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Enclosure
EXECUTIVE ORDER

HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR OPERATION DESERT STORM

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/12/91

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J. Michael Luttig
Assistant Attorney General
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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON
2-13-91

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702
MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP D. BRADY  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND STAFF SECRETARY  

FROM: JAY S. BYBEE  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT  

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

We concur with the recommendation that you sign the proposed Executive order.
## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 02/12/91  
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RESPONSE: The National Security Council staff has reviewed and concurs with proposed E.O. "Health Care Services for Operation Desert Storm"

William F. Sittmann
Executive Secretary

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