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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 1-19-96

FOR: *Gen. Scowcroft*

FROM: ANDY CARD *Andy*

- Action
- Your Comment
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President not involved. This is a Dept. of the Army decision

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Harry N. Walters

Mr. Andy Card
Assistant to the President
Deputy to Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Andy,

Per Florence, she would like to close this out with your note. Cheney has withdrawn his memo....

The entire question has been turned over into the hands of the Department of the Army.

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Andy Card

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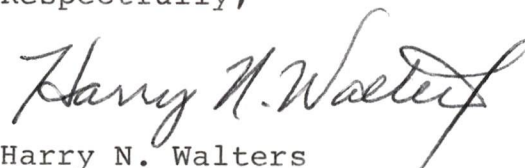
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Mr. Denis F. Mullane



ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

3 July 1989

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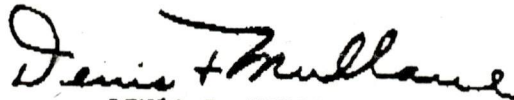
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DENIS P. MULLANE

President

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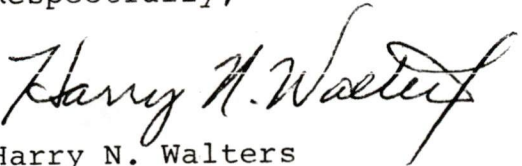
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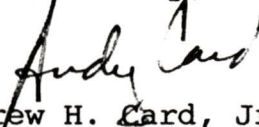
Dear Mr. Blaik:

The President and I have talked about your most recent correspondence.

Please know that the President has confidence in the decision-making process that the Department of the Army is undertaking.

Keep in touch.

Sincerely,



Andrew H. Card, Jr.
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Bob Blaik
Post Office Box 38635
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80937

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 31, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BOB BLAIK

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, MICHAEL P.W. STONE AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CARL E. VUONO REGARDING THE MATTER OF ADDING EARL "RED" BLAIK'S NAME TO THE

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

BOB BLAIK
P.O. Box 38635
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80937
303-630-8909

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October 16, 1989

Burnett

Dear Mr. President:

I pray that you will find time to read the attached
copy of my letter to Secretary Stone and Army Chief
of Staff Vuono. We had a very lengthy meeting last
Friday on the matter of adding Earl 'Red' Blaik's
name to the stadium at West Point.

Just received a copy from Presidential Task Force
of "From George to George" and am enjoying it.

God bless you and Mrs. Bush and thank you.

Respectfully,



Bob Blaik

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

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P.O. Box 38635
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October 16, 1989

Dear Secretary Stone and General Vuono:

I am grateful to you both for allowing me the opportunity, last Friday, to fight for my Father's integrity, principles and honor which has so unjustly been challenged.

This injustice coming via the circulation, of now deceased, General Arthur S. Collins, Jr. paper of 1982 to certain retired Army Four Star Generals and others concerning the 1951 Cheating incident at West Point.

Without question, this paper is being used to cloud support for adding Dad's name to the stadium at West Point.

Your time is so valuable but this matter is most disturbing to the Blaik Family and the many who believed in Earl 'Red' Blaik - his values, his inspiration. His legacy cannot be denied.

Again, thank you for seeing General Skip Scott, Harry Walters and myself.

Sincerely,



Bob Blaik

cc President George Bush

Honorable Michael P.W. Stone, Secretary of the Army
General Carl E. Vuono, Army Chief of Staff
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Washington, D.C. 20310

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 27, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANDY CARD

FROM: Linda Gambatesa
SUBJECT: West Point Stadium

I called Colonel Hamilton for an update on the Stadium.

On October 13, Bob Blaik, accompanied by Harry Walters, met with the Secretary and Chief of the Army to discuss the renaming of the Stadium and how to right the reputation of his Father. (Apparently, in a 1982 paper, Gen. Arthur Collin mentioned possible involvement by Col. Blaik in the 1982 West Point honor scandal.)

Secretary Cheney, in a recent meeting with the President, was to have discussed the situation and had with him all the pertinent papers. However, this did not happen. The Secretary is now out of the country until November 10th, and nothing will happen until he returns.

Attached is another "blue sheet" letter to the President from Bob Blaik. How should we respond? Or would you rather have someone else do so?

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1989

TO: Andy Card
FROM: Linda Gambatesa
RE: West Point Stadium

Update: Mr. Hamilton did a spreadsheet on everyone's comments. Mr. Stone is taking the position that he will direct the Superintendent to name the athletic facility yet to be built after Mr. Red Blaik. They will not change the name of the stadium.

This decision will be run by Secretary Cheney next week sometime. After that a formal letter will be sent to the Superintendent and a public announcement made.

10/4/89

Call from Mr. Hamilton:
Proposed letter to POTUS
is in Secy. Cheney's Office
for signature. Recommendation
as noted above.

10/17

I called for status report

10/27/89

Don
10/13 - Met w/ Secy of Army & COS/Army
(accompanied by Harry Walters)

- renaming of stadium
 - right reputation of Father (Ken Arthur Collins paper of 1982)
 - personal meeting w/ POTUS (did not say anything)
- he called Dave Addington

Secy. Cheney was supposed to have discussed this w/ POTUS
Took papers w/ him

Cheney out of country till 11/10

Honorable Rec'd 1982 - Col. Blaik's possible involvement

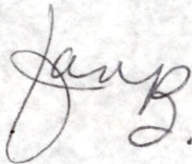
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/7/89

Linda:

Per our conversation, here is son Bob Blaik's latest to the President. Response, interim or final, probably ought to be Presidential.

Let me know if I can help.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James B. Stewart".

Attached is one GB response with handwritten notes.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1989

Dear George:

Many thanks for your good letter about Colonel Blaik. He is indeed going to be missed by many, many people.

George, I have heard from several people that there have been numerous suggestions to rename the stadium at West Point in his honor. Regardless of the final decision, I'm sure that neither West Point nor any of the rest of us will ever forget the many contributions made by this truly great man.

Barbara joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Eleanor.

Sincerely,

Red Blaik was
my late Father-in-law's
best friend. Marvin Pierce and Red

Mr. George Champion
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

went back a long
time. I was in touch
with Red up til the very end.

cc. Jan Burmeister

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 12, 1989

NOTE TO ANDY CARD

FROM: LINDA GAMBATESA

RE: West Point Stadium

Responses are still coming in to the approximately 80 letters that were sent out soliciting recommendations. Milton Hamilton will be compiling/condensing the responses for the Secretary and anticipates that a decision will be made "hopefully" by the end of this week or early next week.

The recommendations received thus far fall into these categories:

1. Do it (very few).
2. Don't do anything (very few).
3. Study it more.
4. Do something - tending to favor naming the new Administrative Director's Office Building after Coach Blaik.

As you know, Secretary Marsh was tasked with this decision by the White House. Prior to leaving office on August 14th, Secretary Marsh briefed the new Secretary on the situation and recommended the Stadium not be renamed. However, the decision is up to the new Secretary.

AC-- Also attached is the latest letter, Aug. 31, to the President from Bobby Blaik.

Should a response wait until the decision is made by the SecArmy? Should an interim go out from you or Presidential?



695-2442 - Milton Hamilton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 31, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU
ANDY CARD
DAVID DEMAREST
JIM WRAY

FROM: BOBBIE KILBERG ^{BK}
JEFF VOGT _{JW}

SUBJECT: "OFFICE OF WHITE HOUSE LIAISON" DIRECT MAIL
FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Here they go again...



OFFICE OF THE
WHITE HOUSE LIAISON

425 Second Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

October 19, 1989

John
456-7983

George Bush
President of the
United States
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Sen. Jim Jeffords
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Sen. Trent Lott
Sen. Dick Lugar
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Sen. John McCain
Sen. Bob Packwood
Sen. Arlen Specter
Sen. Steve Symms
Sen. Malcolm Wallop
Sen. Pete Wilson

Mr. John Dudley
610 W. Ottawa St.
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Your name was forwarded to me here in Washington, D.C. three weeks ago by one of our Field Directors familiar with the Lansing area.

You were cited as someone very supportive of President Bush, and deeply committed to the principles and goals of the Republican Party.

Because of your concern about the issues facing America, and your loyalty to the Republican agenda, I've been asked to invite you to participate in a project of the utmost importance to our President and the entire Republican leadership.

The name of this project is the Republican Presidential Citizen's Advisory Commission.

Its goal is to help the leadership of the Republican Party gain a keener understanding of which issues are of the greatest concern to Americans like you.

If you agree to join us in this project I will ask you to please open the sealed envelope I've enclosed.

In it you will find five questions asking you where you stand on some of the most pressing issues facing America today.

If you accept this invitation I will ask you to answer these questions and return them to me as quickly as possible.

As a new Member of this Commission, your views on these questions will be read and weighed carefully by the White House and the Republican Senatorial leadership.

But to do us any good, we need your answers back immediately.

Let me explain why your involvement in this project is so urgently needed.

It is now clear that the Democrats are using their control of both houses of Congress to do all they can to completely immobilize the Bush Presidency.

Their blatantly partisan, bitterly unfair treatment over the John Tower appointment was just the "first shot" in this campaign.

Masterminded by Ron Brown (the Democratic National Committee's radical new Ted Kennedy/Jesse Jackson-backed Chairman), their goal is to ride roughshod over George Bush and regain every inch of ground they lost during the Reagan years.

The Republican Presidential Citizen's Advisory Commission is being formed to combat that campaign.

It will be used as a "sounding board" to determine which issues we should push for, and which we should hold off on.

Learning the views of a "pre-selected" group of citizens who we know are loyal to the President and our Party will help us shape our agenda and formulate our own counterstrategy.

Chaired by Senator Don Nickles, we're convinced this Commission will give the Republican Party a critical edge in combating the Democrats' efforts to paralyze the Bush Presidency.

But it will work only if we move quickly.

And only if people like you are willing to help out.

Before you make your final decision, however, there is one more issue I must discuss with you: The issue of money.

Naturally this effort must be self-financing. We therefore must ask each participant to contribute a small donation to help finance this project, without spending one dime of tax money.

We don't need large donations. But we do need something. Specifically, we must ask a minimum of \$28 per person.

Your \$28 contribution will help us pay for vote-tracking, polling, issue-research, communications programs, survey processing, member-screening, and the dozens of other details that go into making a project like this a success.

With that \$28 contribution you will become both a member of the Republican Presidential Citizen's Advisory Commission as well as a sustaining member of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC).

As such, you will receive the full rights, privileges and

benefits of NRSC Membership, including a subscription to our official "inside Washington" political newsletter, For The Record.

In addition, your status as an Advisory Commission Member will entitle you to receive special "Commission Only" questions, like the ones I sent you today.

As I said, to become a Member and receive these benefits we need a total donation of at least \$28.

But truthfully, I am hoping you'll be able to make an even larger donation to this effort -- of, say, \$50, \$100, \$250 or even \$500.

With that additional support we will be able to go on and help recruit, support and elect candidates who reflect your views; and ultimately win back a Republican majority in the Senate so that President Bush does not have to stand alone in his struggle to keep America on the right track.

George Bush was elected with a clear mandate to continue on the path President Reagan set us on -- to root out wasteful spending; keep the lid on taxes; and maintain a military force second to none.

The liberal Democrats are fighting to achieve exactly the opposite agenda: increasing spending; raising taxes; cutting back our nation's defenses.

Which path will America take? It depends entirely on which side wins the struggle going on in Washington right now.

We are inviting you to help us keep America on the right path. Please get back to me within fourteen days with your answer.

Sincerely,



Richard Dearborn
Assistant to the Chairman

RD/gam

cc: Senator Don Nickles

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 14, 1989

*Have no
call Cong. Hammerschmidt
and Harry Walters.
8/15/89
AHC*

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDY CARD

FROM: LINDA GAMBATESA
RE: West Point Stadium

I called the Secretary of the Army's office to get an update on the West Point Stadium situation. Mr. Milton Hamilton (695-2442) is serving as the focal point.

Secretary Marsh wrote the Chairman of the Board of Visitors at West Point, the Board met last week to address the situation, and they are apparently canvassing 80 retired four-star Army and Air Force Generals who graduated from West Point as to a suitable memorialization. The Secretary's office is asking for recommendations, not suggestions. It was Mr. Hamilton's opinion that a suitable memorialization for Coach Blaik would not involve renaming Michie Stadium.

All input is due in to the Secretary by August 21 at which point the Secretary will review the information and make a decision.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 5/11

TO:

Andy Card

FROM:

JAMES W. CICCONI
Assistant to the President and
Deputy to the Chief of Staff


The attached has been forwarded
to the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

Andy Card has a copy of the attached, and will be in touch with Rep. Hammerschmidt to discuss the matter.


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UNITED STATES CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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8/4/89

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JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT Thank.
J.P.



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320 Old Briarcliff Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
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June 13, 1989

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The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Harry N. Walters

HNW:vh

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: August 14, 1989

TO: ANDY CARD

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI
Assistant to the President and
Deputy to the Chief of Staff

Information

Action

Let's Discuss

JW


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 8-12-89

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO: Jim C.

Re: Red Blaik

We decided to let Sec Army make this call, but it is necessary that someone call Harry Walters, apologize for no answer up to now (June 13 letter) and explain

a. GB felt very close to Red personally, Red being my father in laws closest friend.

b). our decision-- if made now.


*advise Hammerschmidt
too*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1989

Dear Mr. President:

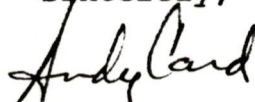
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If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Andrew H. Card, Jr.
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Rancho Mirage
California 92270



GERALD R. FORD

May 31, 1989

Dear Mr. President:

Colonel Earl "Red" Blaik, former head football coach at West Point was one of my dearest friends for about fifty years. He exemplified the highest integrity and patriotism. Red inspired the best athletically and academically at the Military Academy.

I join his countless friends, especially those that played for him at West Point, in recommending that Michie Stadium be renamed "Col. Earl Blaik Stadium," in his honor.

I have written Secretary of Defense Cheney and Secretary of the Army Marsh endorsing this proposal.

Warmest, best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford".

The Honorable George Bush
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Patty Presock

PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

RECOMMENDATION THAT
WEST POINT BE RENAMED
STADIUM, IN HONOR OF
COACH AT WEST POINT

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Sincerely,



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Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

The Honorable Richard Nixon
577 Chestnut Ridge Road
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07675

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

Patty Presock



PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON

QUESTIONS ON THE NATO TRIP,
REPORT FOR THE STADIUM AT
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RICHARD NIXON

June 1, 1989

577 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY

Dear George,

Because of the huge burden of your correspondence, I hesitate to impose another letter on you. But I would like to pass on two thoughts.

Most important, I want to congratulate you on your triumphal NATO trip. It could not have been better. What particularly pleased me was to see the TV anchormen who had been criticizing you for being too cautious have to eat crow. I must admit, however, that they seemed to enjoy doing so and that there was no evidence of sour grapes.

On another subject, I was privileged to attend the memorial service for Red Blaik at West Point. As I am sure you know, he was not only a great coach and outstanding American, but also a life-long Republican and one of your strongest supporters. I vividly recall a conversation I had with him and George Champion in the late 1960s when they both expressed the opinion that you were destined to be one of the brightest stars on the political scene.

It has come to my attention that some of his friends are urging that the name of the stadium at West Point be changed from "Michie Stadium" to "The Michie-Blaik Stadium." I don't know if such a matter as this would ever come to your attention, but if it should, I would strongly urge that you support this move. Like Woody Hayes at Ohio State, Red was an inspiration and a positive influence on the lives of hundreds of young men who have played on his teams and countless others who admired and respected him for his leadership qualities.

Page 2
The Honorable George Bush
June 1, 1989

On a personal note, Pat, who watches much more television than I do, told me that Barbara came over extremely well in the numerous clips that were shown of her.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat".

The Honorable George Bush

per Col. Timmons 695-1717 - new intercollegiate
bldg. to be named
after him -

lot of complications

all of the athletic facilities
have been named for
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had played on the field.

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Red Blaik - coaches hall too
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 14, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANDY CARD 
SUBJECT: West Point Stadium

As you know, there has been a lot of interest in naming an athletic facility at West Point in honor of Colonel Earl "Red" Blaik, former football coach. I have been in touch with the Department of Defense several times concerning plans to honor Red Blaik and report the following:

- o No athletic facility at West Point has been named for anyone other than a cadet who played the sport while at West Point, and who died in service to his nation.
- o Michie Stadium was named for an athletic superstar who graduated from West Point in 1892 and was killed in action in Cuba in 1898. The Stadium was dedicated in his honor in 1924.
- o Officials at the Department of Defense feel that naming an athletic field after someone other than a former cadet who fell in battle would violate the customs and traditions of West Point.
- o There are several other memorializations of Red Blaik, including Blaik Gallery where memorabilia are displayed at Michie Stadium, a monument to Army athletes in front of the center where Blaik's name is prominently listed, and a cemetery plot where Blaik and his wife are buried.

The Blaik Family has been working with officials from West Point to have a new intercollegiate administration building constructed which would be named after Red Blaik. The Blaik family are enthusiastic and the Army strongly endorses this project.

You clearly have the option to do whatever you feel is appropriate.

- Rename Michie to "Red Blaik Stadium"
- Name the football field inside the Stadium "Red Blaik Field"
- Name the Stadium "Michie-Blaik Stadium"
- Name the new intercollegiate administration building "The Red Blaik Administrative Building"
- None of the above

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1989

Dear Mr. Abshire:

On behalf of Governor Sununu, thank you for your letter of July 10, 1989, in which you express your opposition to the renaming of Michie Stadium at West Point.

Please know that your letter has been shared with appropriate Administration officials who are reviewing the request to implement a suitable memorialization of Colonel Earl "Red" Blaik. Your points are well taken and will be given very serious consideration in the decision process.

Again, we appreciate your counsel and the time you have taken to write. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Andrew H. Card, Jr.
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

The Honorable David M. Abshire
President
Center for Strategic & International Studies
1800 K Street, N.W.
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 13, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID M. ABSHIRE

SUBJECT: OPPOSES CHANGING THE NAME OF MICHIE STADIUM
AT WEST POINT AND HOPES THE ADMINISTRATION
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ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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Washington, DC

David M. Abshire
President

July 10, 1989

The Honorable John Sununu
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

As a 1951 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, I have been approached by my class leadership to express our concern over the possibility of Michie Stadium being renamed for Colonel Blaik. It is my understanding that such edifices at West Point can only be renamed by undergoing a strict procedure. The name of this stadium already has become a tradition at West Point and I agree with my classmates that it would be sad indeed to make such a change.

I understand that the White House has been approached on supporting such a change and I hope it will not act favorably on such a recommendation.

I have the greatest respect for Colonel Blaik and his achievements in developing champion football teams. This respect notwithstanding, it is unfortunate that the West Point cheating scandal involving so many players and other Cadets took place during his tenure. Therefore I feel it would be a double mistake to change the name of Michie Stadium.

I enclose a letter which Dr. Amos Jordan has sent to Brent Scowcroft on this subject. Joe Jordan not only was First Captain in his class but for many years was Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at West Point.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Dave', is written in black ink.

AMOS A. JORDAN

July 11, 1989

The Honorable Brent Scowcroft,
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs,
The White House,
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Brent:

As a graduate and former USMA Professor of Social Sciences who continues to be very much interested in the Military Academy and alumni matters, I want to register my deep concern about an Academy matter which I gather has bounced into the White House. I refer to the proposal to change the name of Michie Stadium to Blaik Stadium, a proposal that has been passed to John Sununu. As you may be aware, there is a clear procedure for handling such matters at West Point and criteria that have long since been established. The initiators of this name change probably felt that the proposal could not meet those standards and so are trying an end run.

While Earl Blaik did a good deal for football at West Point, there are enough graduates who are ambivalent about his role that, taken together with the procedural end run, there would be a storm of protest among West Pointers if the change were effectuated. I see no reason why the White House would want to stir things up by such an unprecedented intervention as the proposal recommends.

I hope that you will forward this expression of concern to whatever office is dealing with it in the White House -- together with your own note of disapprobation concerning end runs.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,


Amos A. Jordan

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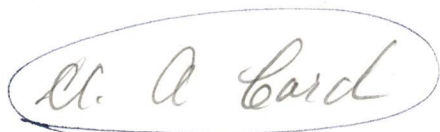
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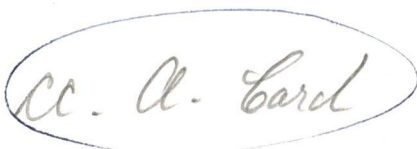
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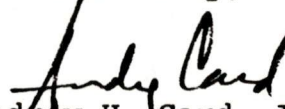
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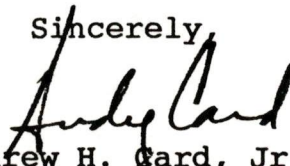
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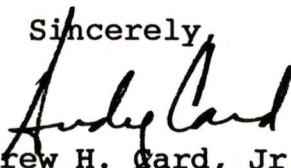
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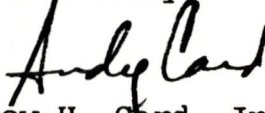
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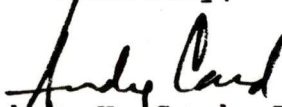
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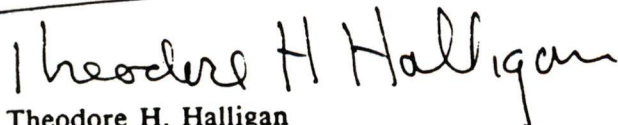
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- 1956: Gold Medal Award - National Football Association.
- 1964: Elected National Football Hall of Fame.
- 1979: Enshrined into National Association of College Directors of Athletes - By Citizens Savings Hall of Fame.
- 1986: Freedom Medal.



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June 28, 1989

The Honorable George P. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your successful NATO summit. Keeping our country strong and at peace is no easy task and we are fortunate to have you at the helm. The veteran community continues to stand fast in your support.

As you know, Colonel Earl H. "Red" Blaik died at the age of 92 on May 5th in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was buried next to his beloved Merle at West Point on May 13th and a memorial service was conducted in the Cadet Chapel. Brigadier General Pete Dawkins and I had the honor to read the scriptures during the service. He is survived by his two loyal and successful sons, Bob and Bill.

Colonel Blaik was a legend in his time. His exploits on the football field instilled in his former players and coaches the indomitable will to win which led them to their own successes. General Bennie Davis, SAC Commander; General Charles Gabriel, Chief of Staff of the Air Force; Lt. General Winfield "Skip" Scott; Major Donald Holleder; Pete Dawkins; Major General Bill Carpenter, U.S. Army, Korea; Vince Lombardi; Herman Hickman, and many others all learned valuable lessons from their legendary coach. He provided close personal counsel to President Eisenhower, President Kennedy, President Nixon, President Ford and General MacArthur. He served as the Chairman of a special commission for President Kennedy during the civil rights crisis of 1964 in Montgomery, Alabama. His close friend, Douglas MacArthur said that no man was better equipped to teach leadership and the will to win than Earl Blaik.

Your personal endorsement of his nomination for the Presidential Medal of Freedom resulted in President Reagan awarding him this most prestigious medal in 1986.

Mr. President, on behalf of the outstanding Americans listed below, I am requesting that you exercise your authority as Commander-in-Chief and rename the football stadium at West Point from Michie Stadium to Michie-Blaik Stadium. This simple measure will remind our cadets and veterans of the powerful legacy of this very special man, Earl "Red" Blaik.

We have spoken to President Nixon and President Ford as well as the others listed below and they all support this request.

With admiration and respect,

Harry N. Walters
Harry N. Walters

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Enclosure: Committee Members

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: GENERAL W. C. WESTMORELAND

I have been informed that several graduates of the U.S. Military Academy have requested that you decree that the football stadium at West Point be renamed Blake Stadium in honor of the late Colonel "Red" Blake. I urge you to withhold action on your part until you receive the view and consensus of the Association of Graduates.

West Point

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June 30, 1989

Mr. Andy Card
Assistant to the President
Deputy to Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Andy:

These articles may be helpful to you. The recommendation of the Museum, Historical, and Memorialization Committee to the Superintendent in June of 1987 did not include in the criteria that graduates must have fallen in battle in the full vigor of youth. On the contrary, they recommended the historical precedent that the graduate be deceased.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry N. Walters".

Harry N. Walters

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Naming of Sports Center

The Museum, Historical and Memorialization Committee has recently completed deliberation on naming the new sports complex adjacent to Michie Stadium. In the December 1986 issue of *Assembly*, the committee outlined proposed criteria for selecting the name and solicited recommendations for additional guidelines from readers. Many of you contacted us, with information and suggestions that were very useful. This brief report is to provide you some prompt feedback—and to say "thanks."

The final criteria governing the committee's deliberations, as modified by suggestions from graduates and friends, were:

- be a graduate of USMA;
- have achieved excellence as an athlete at USMA;
- have a distinguished record of military service, in both peace and war;
- exemplify the values of duty, honor, country;
- be deceased.

Your responses included quite a few names, all deserving the honor of memorialization for one reason or another, many for multiple accomplishments on the athletic fields of West Point and the battlefields of our nation's wars. The members of the committee sincerely appreciate the thought and effort that went into the recommendations; several were eloquent testimonials to the accomplishments of graduates of the Academy. The final list of submissions included, in alphabetical order:

- Archibald V. Arnold (Class of 1912)
- Earl H. Blaik (Class of 1920)
- Eugene A. Byrne (Class of 1910—died 1909)
- George W. Casey (Class of 1945)
- Garrison H. Davidson (Class of 1927)
- Donald W. Walker (Class of 1927)

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Additionally, one suggestion was that it be named in honor of all graduates who had won the Medal of Honor.

In applying the criteria for selection, the committee members felt compelled to consider foremost the mission of the U.S. Military Academy—to educate, train, and inspire cadets as they complete requirements for commissioning. The task at hand fits perfectly into that third imperative: to inspire. In discussing the role of athletics at West Point, particularly the emotional and invigorating components of athletic contests, the committee members thought that the name of an athletic facility should serve to inspire the Corps of Cadets. It should help motivate a young American toward completing a career as a Regular Army officer and contributing a lifetime of service to the nation in war and peace. That would be in the tradition of other individuals for whom athletic facilities at West Point are named, such as Dennis Michie and Richard Shea—whose lifetimes were cut short by battle.

Another consideration, suggested by many, was that the new sports complex not memorialize any individual, but be named for its function in the same way the USMA Fieldhouse has been designated since its construction. In addition, the committee considered naming the basketball and hockey arenas separately from the sports complex itself.

After carefully considering each individual in light of the multiple perspectives of the criteria for selection, the committee found that, although several met the basic screening, no single name emerged with unambiguous and overwhelming support as appropriate for the entire sports complex. Some names, however, were strong candidates for the separate ar-

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Donald W. Holleder (Class of 1956)
George S. Patton, Jr. (Class of 1909)
Richard S. Pohl (Class of 1946)
John S. Roosma (Class of 1926)
Richard B. Sheridan, Jr. (Class of 1933—died 1931)
Joseph W. Stilwell (Class of 1904)
Thomas J. H. Trapnell (Class of 1911)

... comprising the complex. For this reason, the committee in reporting its deliberations to the Superintendent, has recommended that he designate the complex by a functional name (such as the "Army Sports Center") and that the basketball arena and hockey rink be named after individuals.

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Name Sought for New Sports Complex

The Museum, Historical and Memorialization Committee will soon begin the process of selecting a name for the new Sports Complex adjacent to Michie Stadium. The complex is home for Army's basketball and hockey teams.

As the committee deliberates, it expects to be guided by definitive criteria for selection. Currently in rudimentary form, these criteria are expected to include but not be limited to the following:

- be a graduate of USMA;
- have achieved excellence as an athlete at USMA;
- have a distinguished record of military service;
- exemplify the values of duty, honor, country.

Anyone with recommendations for additional criteria is encouraged to submit them to the committee. To be assured of consideration, submission must reach the committee prior to 1 March 1987.

Submit to:

Colonel Robert A. Doughty

Chairman

Museum, Historical & Memorialization Committee

United States Military Academy

West Point, New York 10996

There are other athletic areas for which we may soon launch a search.

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-suitable names, such as the World House
and several playing fields. Facilities al-
-ready carrying a name include Michie
Stadium, Doubleday Field, Clinton
-Field, Shea Stadium, and Howze Field.

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The 1951 West Point Cheating Scandal

Lt. Gen. Arthur S. Collins, Jr.

**Excerpted from Interview, Senior Officer Oral History Program
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**Interview Conducted Alexandria, Virginia
21 April 1982
by Col. Chandler P. Robbins III**

The cheating scandal--you may remember that I mentioned to you that, because I had been on a number of boards in the Tactical Department, I believed I had a pretty good feel for the pulse of the Corps. Early in 1951 I expected to be leaving West Point to be reassigned that summer, because I had been there three years and that was the normal assignment. Beginning about January of that year, I thought from some of the things I had run into, or encountered in talking with cadets--and I talked to a lot of them--that there was something wrong with the honor system. I couldn't put my finger on it.

I didn't know of any violations beyond the things that were turned up when someone was brought before the Honor Board. But I just felt that some cadets were either taking advantage of it or working around it. Something wasn't right, but it was just a gut feeling on my part, and there was nothing specific I could point to.

I can remember talking to the Commandant and a few of the other senior officers about it. Of course, I was one of the most senior officers in the Tac Department, because I was a Regimental Commander, and I saw Colonel Harkins [the Commandant] or Colonel Waters, the Deputy Commandant, very often. And in the T.D. it was easy to talk with them about what we felt about problems. I had been there three years, and I was expecting to be reassigned after graduation; I wanted to be certain something was done about this "gut" feeling of mine.

So I wrote a memo to the Commandant sometime about March and suggested he talk to the First Captain, and he in turn should talk to the Corps on the honor system, the importance of it, and the role all had to maintain the basic fundamentals of it. The First Captain did assemble the Corps and talked

to them. The assembly was for cadets only, and no officers were present from the T.D. or academic departments. This had been agreed between the Commandant and the First Captain--I think it was Cadet Ryan--because they believed this was something for the Corps to think about. An odd incident happened at that assembly which I hope I'll remember to mention later.

I must say that I had no feeling that the honor system was being undermined; I didn't think anything was seriously wrong, but there were some things growing up around the fringes of it that I didn't like.

Come about May, we began to have the spring parades in the late afternoon after drill. Early in May I can recall being out at a parade, and Colonel Harkins was there with a brown manila envelope in his hand. I'd been there in the T.D. for three years; he'd been the Commandant all of those three years. I'd never seen him carry a paper home, and I was impressed by that. I think up until that time in the Army, officers didn't take their work home as they do today. But there was the Commandant with one of those brown manila envelopes in his hand, and I remember thinking how unusual it was. We had parades about twice a week in each regiment, and for about three weeks every time he was at parade he had that envelope. And after he'd watched the parade, he'd walk on over to his quarters.

Close to the end of May of 1951, he called me up to his office, and he had a manila envelope in his hand. He said, "Art, I have something here that's going to shock you. You won't believe it, but I've had some knowledge, for about a month now. It's in this envelope, and I have never let it out of my hands." He went on to say the contents were such a shock to him and so unbelievable that he wouldn't even leave it in his desk, and he had kept it in

his personal possession. He gave me a brief outline to this effect: "this pertains to a violation of the honor system, but it might be a massive violation of the honor system. I'm going to appoint a board, and you're going to be president of it. I have orders and I'm scheduled to leave here in about three weeks. I want this cleared up before I go. This has happened during the time I've been here as Commandant, and it really hurts me to think of that, but you investigate it, and let the chips fall where they may."

You know, you go through your service, you run into people that you respect and you admire them for something. People are always talking about the individuals who are trying to cover things up and hide them. I haven't run into that, although later events make us aware that it happens. This was one of those events, however, which meant very much to Colonel Harkins at that time and could have hurt his future career. There was so little to go on, he could very easily have said, "Let's see if we can get something more concrete," and just have passed the envelope along to the new Commandant, but he didn't. His directive to let the chips fall where they may, get to the bottom of it and get it cleaned up before he left, was inspirational.

I'm not going to go into many of the details of it. There are board reports on the investigation and reviews that followed at the Military Academy. I'll cover what I think are the important points and give some impression of the atmosphere. First of all, the first information came from a couple of cadets, let's say guys named Joe. These youngsters were yearlings, I believe, and they were real "goats," that's how they began to get wind of how you could get information on the writ a day or two before the exam.

They had gone to their honor representative and reported this. A lot of people don't realize this case was first brought to the attention of the authorities through two cadets who went to their company honor representatives. Cadet Myers, who was the honor "rep" in K-1 Company, went to the Commandant and told him he had some information he couldn't believe; most of it was hearsay, but it came from good solid cadets who said there was a group that was cheating, and that if certain cadets wanted to get information before a writ they could, and a lot of the football players were involved.

Another cadet in H-1 Company had brought his suspicions of violation of the honor system to his honor rep about the same time. When this first came to Colonel Harkins' attention early in April, he kept working with the honor rep and the two cadets to see if they could get additional information, some papers, or specific names of those involved. It was all very elusive, and the Commandant didn't feel he could prove anything.

Working with the First Class honor rep, these two youngsters did get more information, and they were taking quite a risk in doing it. As it later developed, they sometimes felt threatened. When they showed some concern about getting involved, those who were involved in passing information told them not to worry, "some of the honor committee are in on this thing." This really shook up Cadet Myers and the two yearlings. I should say here that we never could find any proof of that, although there were some indications that it was at least starting.

The board was appointed about the last weekend in May, when the First Class was going on a trip to Aberdeen. One of the prime questions that the Commandant and Superintendent had was, were there any First Classmen involved,

because they weren't going to graduate them if there were. The board consisted initially of Colonels Tracy Harrington from the 1st Regiment and Jeff Irvin from the 2nd, both very solid people, and I was president.

We just sat down after we looked over the information in the envelope and listened to the honor rep and two yearlings and wondered how we should go about this. We knew we had to protect the rights of the individual; we could not base our findings on self-incrimination, and we talked with the JAG to be sure how we should proceed. And then we thought a long time about who we would call first. Then we'd have to go on from there.

Every cadet who appeared before the board appeared individually; each one was warned of his rights, and each one was sworn in. It was clear from the evidence that the honor rep and two cadets had obtained that at least two cadets were guilty of honor violations, and they could so testify.

Fortunately for us, the first cadet we called admitted it readily and went on to say "everybody does it." We asked him if he could be specific and give us the names of cadets he knew were involved because he had gotten information from them, or cadets to whom he had passed information. He gave us about twelve names, saying that each one was definitely involved. He told us who had given him the information and explained how it was passed along. Incidentally, this youngster had nothing to do with the football team. He was just drawn into it because he was a goat, and the organized cheating suddenly expanded amongst his classmates who were associated with football.

The second cadet we called was brilliant, a star man, and an academic coach for the football team. He denied under oath that there was any cheating

and said there was no involvement of football players in anything like that. We then called in the rest of the group of twelve, and after swearing them in we told them what we had heard on honor violations and asked what they knew about it.

This first group consisted mainly of yearlings, Class of 1953, and a few Second Classmen, Class of 1952; at least eight of them were outstanding football players or associated with them as academic coaches. Every one of them lied under oath and said they wouldn't do anything like that. One of the said he wouldn't talk about this until he talked to Coach Blaik, but he denied that cheating was going on and asserted that "everyone was just out to get the football players." The others in the group who were just plain goats or roommates of those involved admitted they knew about it and enlarged on the number of names and the method of operation.

Everyone in the Corps knew something was going on, but only those who were involved in the cheating knew what it was, and that group was in a ferment. After the first few witnesses appeared, the word got back to the others involved; they held meetings to decide what to do, including threatening a couple of the early witnesses who had admitted there was organized cheating.

Incidentally, these witnesses, who were not football players, were told to report back to the board and tell us they had lied under oath because they were just out to get the football players. Then the two of them would have to resign for violations of the honor system, and that would protect all the football players involved. One of them called me at home late at night and said he feared for his life. I called the honor representative in that company, who knew what was going on, and told him to guard that cadet's room

that night. The ferment and fear continued for a day or two, and then a number of things began to happen quickly. Fairly soon the whole story developed --or at least most of it.

The football players involved had a meeting with Coach Blaik, and then they reappeared before the board and said, in effect, "Well, yes, we'll tell all." As each one implicated somebody else--we used the rosters they have for each company in the Corps, and whenever someone would indicate, "Well, I think he's in," or, "he is in," we had different symbols for positive identification, thinking someone was involved, or hearsay from another cadet.

Pretty soon a picture began to emerge, and the picture was that initial involvement always got back to someone related to the football team; or the academic coaches for the football team; someone who was a cheerleader. If it was a kid from Podunk that wasn't a football player, but he was a cheerleader or a football academic coach or a goat in a certain company, we could see it was following a pattern and that cadet might wind up in it. Sure enough, that's about the way it happened. And when we were finished we had around 90 cadets who were definitely involved, and there were two distinct groups.

The first group [was made up of] the football players and coaches who finally admitted, "Yes, there was some cheating," and they would get the solutions to the exams before they took them. The second group were those close to the football players, like roommates, who knew what was going on but did not report it, or goats who were drawn [in] by their close association with the players or the academic coaches involved.

It was a very trying time, because there were a lot of rumors going around. Of course, we couldn't say anything about this because we didn't know what the authorities at DA [Department of the Army] would do about this scandal. We did feel sure the Superintendent would support our recommendations. So we'd cautioned the cadets who appeared before the board not to say anything about it; but, from the football side of the house, we had lots of problems.

After the football players recanted, they brought in long lists of names of people they were sure were involved, but they could not be specific. Some of them told us later they had been told to involve everyone they possibly could--make it look as though the whole Corps was involved. That's the feeling they gave you when they started to admit to the cheating, but when we started to track down their allegations, most of them disappeared into thin air.

A common allegation was that someone who lived with a football player was involved. We'd call in the football player who had already appeared and been implicated and ask, "Well, how about your roommate? Does he know about it?" "Oh, no, sir. He'd turn us in in a minute." We got that response many times, so we knew everybody wasn't involved.

As I sit here today, I'm absolutely certain, as I was by the end of the summer of 1951, that the nucleus of the cheating ring was within the football squad. We thought it had gone back maybe four or five years, maybe as far back as 1945-1946. We didn't know how long. It consisted of a very small, tightly knit group, and the help was given to a really great star, and someone in the football hierarchy did not want that player to be "found." Assist-

ance was limited to a very small group by a very select group. You could almost trace it to a quarterback, captain, or a manager that could be trusted not to reveal the honor violation to anyone in the Corps. There were one or two rooms in the old North Barracks in which this passing of information would take place. It was probably limited to one or two great players a year whom someone wanted to be sure to keep on the team, but who couldn't pass the academics without knowing what was on the writs before they were taken. Most of the players got legitimate coaching and had enough gray matter to get by; whoever controlled the involvement was not going to risk helping just anybody who happened to be a football player. ✓

All of a sudden, in 1949 and 1950, West Point admitted a large number of football players who lacked the educational qualifications to cope with the academic program at the Academy. A number of them were, in the words of one First Class football player, "recalcitrants who would do anything to break regulations." They were, however, great football players, and they were going to bring another national championship to West Point. A number of them didn't study very hard, and they couldn't possibly pass the academic program. This was especially true of the Class of 1953, and when some in this group got assistance--and a lot of them had to have it--their attitude was, "Everybody does it--they don't really have an honor system at West Point." * ✓ ✓

As a result, they did not confine it to the football players, but drew in goats and outsiders who took the writs first. Even some of those who were very intelligent and were academic coaches for the football team would say, "Unauthorized assistance has always been available to the football players."

Someone had given them that impression to draw them in. That was tragic, because there were some fine cadets in that group.

I don't believe it was done when I was a cadet. As I said earlier, I believe it may have started in the mid-'40's and was kept under very tight control. Then, when a large number of cadets came to West Point who needed help and were also great players, the cheating spread out during the writs of 1949-1950 and mushroomed in the 1951 writs. As it spread out, it began to be noticed by those in the Corps close to the football squad. Unfortunately, some of these youngsters were drawn in by the fame of the players and the emphasis on football. However, they weren't all drawn in, because it was the average cadets, that great unknown that you have in the Corps, were the ones who surfaced it.

I can recall that the morning of graduation the Superintendent, General Irving, called me over and asked me if there [were] any First Classmen involved. I said, "Well, we have a couple of names that some cadets say might be involved. We have dug into those cases thoroughly, and it is always hearsay or suspicion. I personally don't believe it can ever be proved; there is nothing concrete that we have that would warrant you holding up their getting a commission; and I just think legally we cannot do it, and I would recommend against it." All of us on the board felt the same way.

I know the Superintendent, General Irving, and the Commandant, Colonel Harkins, did everything they could to be sure that no one got out of it just because he was a First Classman. The yearlings and Second Classmen said they took the rap, and later in the summer when they knew they were going to be discharged they pointed a finger at a few First Classmen. If they had given

such information before graduation, we might have been able to recommend action against one or two, but we never did get anything concrete. Our board recommended discharge of one Fourth Classman, 1954; fifty-three Third Classmen from the Class of 1953; and twenty-nine Second Classmen, Class of 1952-- incidentally, these figures are close to the mark but may not be exact. This wiped out the football squad for the 1951 football season, including the captain-elect.

I recall going over to Colonel Harkins' quarters the day we completed the report. It was the day he was being packed. He sat on one of those old Army footlockers we all have and signed the report, with the movers moving things out all around him. So the major task was done before he left. There was a lot of pressure, and it built up as the summer went on. The Corps as a whole supported what we had done. They had a feeling and sense of the honor system, and the importance of it to West Point. It was just unbelievable to the couple of thousand cadets not involved that anything like that could happen.

The number and quality of so many involved shocked all of us. Of the number that were involved I knew several through church activities, most as A Squad football players. One youngster was the son of one of my early company commanders when I was a new second lieutenant. God, when he walked in that room I felt sick. That board proceeding was perhaps the most difficult task, outside of hard combat decisions, that I ever had. But to me there was never any question of what we should do. I said that the one thing that West Point has is an honor system. I said, "The Army can get good officers anywhere, but somewhere there has got to be a nucleus of a sense of honor and integrity

that the Army must have, and if West Point doesn't provide that--well, do you need a West Point?" So I had no reservations about recommending separation, which we did.

After we had made our recommendations, we had a difficult period for at least two months. During that time and before the DA approved the recommendations, a number of football players came in with lists of 200 or 50 or 75 or 80 names of cadets, and they would say, "These people, they're in on it." At this time they added alternate members to the board to help us track down all these new allegations. They had been given guidance from someone "to incriminate everyone you can so that they'll have to retract this decision." At that point the Superintendent had made his recommendation, but in the meantime the paper was down in Washington for final decision. Of course, this cheating scandal was a hot political issue, but I must say the people at the top--I believe Omar Bradley was Chief of Staff [J. Lawton Collins]--backed us up.

I remember one time after the report had been sent to DA talking to Tracy Harrington and Jeff Irvin, who were on the board with me, and saying, "Supposing we were wrong? Supposing the whole Corps was in it, like they say?" This was in the period when the football players who had lied under oath were bringing in long lists of cadets who they now said were involved. It was a terrible feeling, because we had no way of knowing. This information wasn't available before, and we wondered if we would have to change our judgment. Well, if the whole Corps were involved--yes, I think West Point would have had to take responsibility and start in again to try to educate them all in what honor is all about. But one of the gratifying things in that period, with all the names and new information funneled in to us, not another indivi-

dual was added to the list to my knowledge. It just proved that there was a concerted effort to discredit the board performance and the Corps of Cadets as well.

It was a difficult summer, and for some period thereafter, at least for those of us who were on the board. We were charged with all sorts of things, like violating cadets' rights and making allegations that we had not made. All of this was well orchestrated; it was a very trying period for me and a distasteful one which I'll never forget. But there's no question in my mind that our board, given the pressures of time and the other pressures, identified those that were involved. I say without any reservation that everyone who was involved became involved through a football player--living with him, coaching him in academics, or on the squad with him. The football team was the source of the infection.

[In contact with legal people?]: Oh, yes. Before we ever started, we talked with them about cadets' rights, how we should protect them. I know that everyone that came in, the first thing we did was to tell them that they didn't have to make a statement, but anything they said might be used against them. The JAG had given us the proper legal format for all of that, and the cadets' rights were protected. At that time they didn't have all of the legalities that you have now. If that were so, I'm not certain that we ever would have gotten the information that we did get. When those cadets came in and we showed them the writs that had been handed around, they'd say, "Oh, yes, sir." So we were lucky in that respect.

[And the media?]: We tried to control it, but you couldn't because after the DA approved it, they had to go to Congress to tell them, and suddenly it

was on the radio and in the headlines. This was unfortunate, because the Com wanted to assemble all those involved and announce the decision and let them leave the Academy quietly without subjecting them to a lot of publicity. When they heard the news over the radio, they blamed West Point for announcing it and not telling them, and they were belligerent. You can't blame them, but West Point had nothing to do with the release. There were reporters all over the Academy trying to interview those involved, and they would say, "They are trying to make an example of us. They all do it. They know everybody cheats up here." The allegations and charges they made were awful.

Well, they changed my orders or, it's better to say, I didn't get any orders. The Superintendent told me that I had to stay until they completed the reviews. We had interviewed all those people, made decisions, made recommendations, working literally around the clock in a very hectic two-three week period. It was essential that the Academy conduct a review, especially with all the new allegations flowing in. The Superintendent appointed three more boards, consisting of people like Colonel Counts, people who were high in the academic departments, post headquarters and other activities on the post. They took three or four weeks to go over all the individual cases that we had gone over, plus this great list of allegations that were coming in about others that were involved.

This was the period in which I was saying to myself, "My God, suppose we goofed?" I was thinking how terrible it would be if we had made a grievous error. Also we would have misled the Commandant and the Superintendent in making their judgments. But, as I said, those boards didn't add a single name; boy, the longer that went on, the better I felt. Really, I was so relieved at

the end of their review. They took maybe five-six names off our list, to which I had no objection, nor did the other board members. There had been a few people about whom we had said, "We think the circumstances on these people are such that they need additional scrutiny; perhaps they should not be separated because their involvement was vague--it might not have been proven other than by their own statements." And I think the original 90 might have been reduced to about 84 or some such figure. Our board had no objection to it because there were a lot of peculiar circumstances surrounding this whole thing.

The greatest relief came when a board of outsiders headed by Judge Hand reviewed the entire effort. After they had talked to our board for more than an hour, Judge Hand said, "You did a good job." Coming from such a distinguished jurist, it lifted our spirits after a summer of being under attack by "unknown" forces.

[Impact on the honor system?] Well, first of all I think it strengthened it. One of the things which perhaps I should have mentioned earlier was something we found in the yearling class and in the Second Class in companies like, A, B, L and M, the flanker companies in where there were a lot of football players. In the yearling Class of 1953, there were a large number who were already on the first team in the fall of 1950, and they had enough votes to elect an honor representative in their company, in their class. You know how the football players are held in esteem, if a cadet was captain-elect of the football team in the Second Class, or a well-known yearling player, he would say to his classmates, "Cadet so and so would make a good honor rep for our class," and the other cadets would support him.

You may recall that about mid-May of each year, each class in each company elected their honor representatives. The election that had taken place just about two weeks before we met resulted in three cadets in the Class of 1953 being elected as honor representatives. Our board found those cadets guilty of violating the honor system. Those yearlings, and possibly some Second Classmen, on the football team had campaigned to get them on the honor committee so that in the event anything like an honor violation ever developed, the fellow football activist on the honor committee would be able to cover for them. So you see, it was just beginning to get organized, and in another couple of years it would have ruined the honor system unless it had been surfaced. I still come back to that basic point about those unknown cadets that surfaced it. They were just plain old cadets like you and I were, but they were heroic. They thought something was wrong, and they did something about it.

But it was a terrible thing when you consider the whole affair, how one group could undermine the system. Of course, there were changes. As I had said, I had suggested earlier that there was something wrong with the honor system. I didn't know what it was, but I never thought of anything like this. I never would have, and it was a shocking, shocking experience.

There is one other point that I have avoided in this discussion--pointing the finger at anyone, but since this oral history might be important to the future of the Academy, and since I think I had fuller knowledge of this than anyone else involved, I believe this point should be made. What was the role of the football coach, Coach Blaik, in all of this? In the media, he was extolled because he told the cadets to "tell the truth." Up to that point,

they had all lied under oath. If Colonel Blaik, a graduate, had brought these youngsters up in the true tradition of West Point, there would not have been an honor scandal. The football players looked to him for leadership and direction, and I am certain that he was the one that orchestrated the attack on the board, on the Corps, and on the authorities at West Point in hopes that the board's recommendations would be overridden. Several cadets told us they had been told to implicate everyone they could, flood the board with names, make it appear that the whole Corps was involved. Some said that guidance came from the coach.

I mentioned earlier an odd coincidence when the First Captain, Cadet Ryan, assembled the Corps in the theater to discuss the honor system in April, and no one but cadets were to be present. In the last stages of the investigation, I was informed that after the cadets assembled for Cadet Ryan's talk Coach Blaik had tried to enter the auditorium. He was told that only cadets could attend, so he went to another entrance, where the same individual confronted him and informed him that he could not enter.

Coach Blaik seldom attended Corps activities, and I often have wondered why he was so interested in that meeting. Blaik was a great coach, but he was more interested in success on the gridiron than he was in the well-being of his alma mater. The authorities at West Point had over a period of ten years gradually given Colonel Blaik more and more authority, so that by the early 1950's he was close to separating the football team from the Corps. So they, too, much share some responsibility for what happened. I think Coach Blaik's greatest achievement was in the 1951 football season, when he took the football material that was left in the Corps and molded it into a team that play-

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ed solidly and respectably throughout that season. However, he did not make it easy for the Corps of Cadets or Academy authorities in the difficult summer of 1951.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE:

7-7-89

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

Brent

Please instruct
Marsh to
make this
decision.

GB

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

DATE: June 30, 1989

NOTE FOR: ANDY CARD

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you for your:

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Thank you.

**James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
(x-2702)**

cc:

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6/30/89

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 26, 1989

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Change GB

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Bobby Blaik 6/22
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He made a strong argument that this would be preferred. (The naming of the building is something that was recommended when the building was first built. - restrictions on the naming ensued.)
"Would you object to the naming of the facility (adm) ... "no"

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 6-20

TO: Andy

FROM: Linda Gambatesa
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

From Col. Timmons

Robert M. Blaik (goes by Bobby)
Home: 719-630-8909
Colorado Springs, CO

Need to notify Col. Timmons of
decision also.

6/20 - I left message on a tape.

6/16

AC--

Re: Michie Stadium

Remember there are 2 blue sheet letters from Ford & Nixon staffed to Presock which need replies, Should you be the one to send letters back??

Yes

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Following Page

Linda -

6/20
Col. Timmons will
call back

Have me speak to
a Red Blaik family
member.

July

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: June 16, 1989

NOTE FOR: ANDY CARD

The President has

seen

acted upon

commented upon

the attached; and it is forwarded to you for your:

information

action

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
(x-2702)

cc:

BOB BLAIK

P.O. Box 38635
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80937
303-630-8909

June 22, 1989

Andy Card
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Andy:

To clarify my position, I am totally committed and dedicated to the efforts to rename the stadium at West Point to "THE MICHIE-BLAIK STADIUM". It is appropriate and a natural. To rename the stadium would span, nearly 100 years, the history of football at West Point - from beginning with the first coach, Dennis Michie, to the most successful legendary coach and teacher the Academy has experienced, Earl 'Red' Blaik.

The Superintendent, Gen. Dave Palmer, by his frank admission in our phone conversation of June 20, 1989 opposes such a move.

I have attached a copy of my letter to General Palmer written immediately after our conversation of June 20th.

I wrote President Bush on May 18th seeking his help to rename the stadium.

I appreciate your interest and thank you,

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Bob Blaik

BOB BLAIK

P.O. Box 38635
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80937
303-630-8909

*Craig, 12 Letter
TO Lt. Gen. David C. Palmer
Superintendent
United States Military Academy
West Point, NY.*

June 20, 1989

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your call this afternoon.

I am somewhat confused on your position concerning controversy - why one choice differs so greatly from another in naming or re-naming.

I'll confirm my feelings with regards to naming something in Dad's honor.

- 1) If you are asking me would I object to the naming of a new Athletic Department Building, when or if it is built, my answer is NO.
- 2) If you are asking would I object to the naming of the current facilities that house the Director of Athletics, my answer is YES.
- 3) I sincerely believe the re-naming of 'Michie Stadium' to "THE MICHIE-BLAIK STADIUM" is most appropriate, regardless of petty objections. I will continue, with others, in my humble way to try to have this accomplished.

I appreciate your frankness and objections concerning this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Bob Blaik