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06. Memo	From Ed Derwinski to POTUS Re: Travel to Poland and Iceland, August 10-14, 1991 (same as doc 03b) (2 pp.)	8/19/91	(b)(1)	
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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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November 20, 1991

THE CHIEF of STAFF
has seen *and talked*
with Scowcroft

MEMORANDUM TO: Governor John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff
The White House

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *EJL*

SUBJECT: Prime Minister Mitsotakis luncheon

It is my understanding that the President will host a small working luncheon for the Prime Minister on December 12 or 13.

It would be my suggestion that, if practical, the luncheon could be expanded to include key Greek-American leaders. [REDACTED]

(b)(6)

A careful and controlled list of the right people can easily be developed.



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1991

THE CHIEF of STAFF
has seen

MEMORANDUM TO: General Brent Scowcroft
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *EDJ*

SUBJECT: Ukrainian-American leadership meeting with
President Bush

The following is a list of Ukrainian-American leaders whom I recommend attend a meeting with President Bush. They are interested in discussing economic assistance to the Ukraine; the question of the timing of recognition of Ukraine independence; matters of special concern to Ukrainian-Americans such as possible refugee flow, relations between Orthodox and Uniate Churches in the Ukraine and possible border changes between Ukrainian and Russian republics.

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10976 Tanager Trail
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The Honorable Bogdan Futey
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The Honorable Walter Dudycz
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National Commander
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1881 Jacqueline Drive
Parma, Ohio 44134

Mr. Askold Lozynskyj
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214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
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Congress of the United States
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July 12, 1991

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The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Ed:

I am about to leave Washington to participate in the celebration of the 47th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam, the most important non-religious event in our Territory. Later this year, we will be celebrating yet another momentous event -- December 8th -- which for us, would be the 50th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. That day, ironically, is a major religious holiday: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

I have been discussing your forthcoming visit in December with the Governor and others and we are very excited that you will be joining us after the Pearl Harbor celebration. I will be providing more details of our observance as planning progresses.

For now, however, I am writing in behalf of Governor Joseph Ada and myself to request your personal intervention on a matter very dear to our people.

For reasons too numerous to cite, we always seem to find ourselves in harm's way during war but out of the way during peace. Apparently, it is our country's good fortune to have Guam's strategic location to use during conflicts but it is Guam's misfortune to be so far out in the Western Pacific during peace.

Here's where we need some more of your help, Ed.

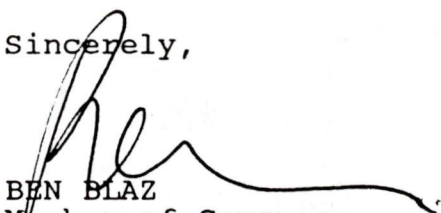
I understand the President will be stopping in Hawaii in December for the 50th anniversary celebration there, and then is heading to Japan before proceeding onward to Sidney, Australia. Even a lowly canoe navigator can readily tell with his navigational chart of bamboo and seashells that this proposed route essentially brackets Guam. In other words, one would have to specifically plan to exclude Guam in order not to have it on the President's itinerary.

Ed, I am writing to request that you intervene in our behalf because you appreciate more than most the message we would like to convey to the President. As a member of the cabinet, you can take our message past the Palace Guard.

I think you'll agree with me that it would be very difficult to accept a scenario that has our President visiting and paying tribute to a former enemy without at least waving at us while he's in our corner of the world. A simple touch and go would make this gesture possible. After all, our people are the members of the American family who suffered so much for so long at the hands of that former enemy during the occupation. We are not trying to relive WWII; we are simply trying not to let our own country forget that we paid heavy dues during that and all our other conflicts.

Ed, a 50th anniversary comes only once in our lifetime.

Sincerely,



BEN BLAZ
Member of Congress

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 1991

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *ed*

THE CHIEF of STAFF
has seen and shared
with Scowcroft

The Ecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church is headquartered in Istanbul, the historic site of the religious See established in 381 A.D. The Patriarch of this See is recognized as "first among equals" by the Eastern Orthodox faithful.

There is concern in Orthodox circles that the Patriarchate might eventually be forced to leave Turkey. There are severe limitations on the number of Greeks who can reside in Turkey, thus limiting the numbers of clergy to serve at the See. The Patriarchate is not allowed to operate any educational institutions, which further dries up a source of religious manpower.

Should the Patriarchate wither away because of the restrictions under which it exists, the primacy of the Orthodox Church might shift to the Patriarch of the Russian Church headquartered in Moscow. This would raise many ecclesiastical and geo-political questions.

In view of the recent demonstrations against the Patriarchate in Ankara, Greek-Americans, and for that matter Greek officials as well; all of them are concerned that there is a new effort to expell the See from its historic location. Archbishop Iakovos is very anxious to speak to the President on this subject.

I would strongly recommend that the Archbishop's request be granted and be placed on the President's schedule. They have met a number of times before and are in fact very good friends; and the President I am confident would appreciate an update from His Eminence.

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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August 19, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *EJD*
SUBJECT: Travel to Poland and Iceland,
August 10-14, 1991

I was honored to represent you as head of the US Presidential Delegation to the consecration of the new ambulatory care center at the Polish-American Children's Hospital in Krakow, Poland. As the center is named for the late Clem Zablocki, a major supporter of the entire hospital project, Dante Fascell led a five-person congressional delegation at the ceremony and related events. Many of the speakers, including Pope John Paul II, referred positively to your visits to the hospital, and the large crowd exuberantly applauded your message, which I delivered in Polish and Ambassador Simons in English. *Nice*

At a separate meeting in Krakow, President Lech Walesa told us that his government is moving ahead with all deliberate speed to transform the economy into a free market. Progress will be steady but the process will not be completed overnight, he said. Some Poles are reluctant to give up the facade of social cushions of the past four decades, he observed. But most, he thought, are happy to eliminate communism's stifling atmosphere and the near ruinous conditions it created in the country. He was concerned about the possibility of a right-wing coup attempt in the USSR. Walesa expressed appreciation for America's public and private support for Poland's efforts. He specifically asked that I convey his warm personal greetings to you.

We also had useful meetings with a number of Poland's cabinet members, including the prime minister and foreign and health ministers. They too were in Krakow to attend the consecration as well as a Mass conducted by the Pope before hundreds of thousands of people in Krakow's Market Square. Previously, Poland's communist governments denied him any opportunity to say Mass in that historic setting.

A symposium on "Health Perspectives in Eastern and Central Europe" held at the hospital gave me an opportunity to exchange views with health ministers and other officials from Hungary, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia. They were enthusiastic over the enhanced regional cooperation their recent political freedom was engendering and looked forward to increasing health care cooperation with the US. Several expressed interest in visiting the US to observe VA and other hospital systems.

En route home, we stopped to refuel in Iceland. There at my request and through the good offices of Ambassador Cobb I met with the prime minister, foreign minister, members of parliament, and a number of other Icelandic officials with whom I had dealt during various negotiations while I was at the State Department. Also sending their greetings to you, they expressed general approval at the state of US-Icelandic relations, the sole exception being their wish to be allowed to resume whaling without opposition from the international community. Having come out for Baltic independence, they said Iceland was on the verge of recognizing Lithuania and probably the other Baltic States soon thereafter.

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August 12, 1991

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Mr. Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Ed:

(b)(6) It was good to talk with you on the phone the other day. I am grateful to you for sending along the fax of the material you received. I had not previously seen it. I also want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 9 recommending [REDACTED] I have known, of course, of [REDACTED] and of the good reputation that he enjoys within the American Lithuanian community. It is my impression, Ed, that we are quite far along in the selection of public members and that the State Department has pretty much zeroed in on where we should be heading.

As a way of cutting down on size, we had a representative of the American Baltic community at the Copenhagen meeting which I headed last year. He was from the American Estonian community. In Geneva, we had, as you know, a representative of the American Lithuanian community. The decision seems now to have been made to have in Moscow a representative of the American Latvian community and we have a number of letters from the various Baltic groups supporting such an approach. Nevertheless, you know that I value your recommendations highly and when I next meet at the Department of State, I will have your letter with me.

All my best.

Sincerely,


Max M. Kampelman

MMK:gs

cc: Mr. William Hill

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1991

Dear Secretary ^{ED} Derwinski:

(b)(6) Thanks for your letter of support on behalf of [REDACTED] for a slot on the U.S. Delegation on Security and Cooperation in Europe Conference on Human Dimension.

(b)(6) As we discussed on the phone last week, my new job in Political Affairs pretty much takes me out of the personnel loop. Having said that, I'll be happy to let the folks over at NSC know of your support for [REDACTED] and do all I can from my end to help.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Sincerely,



Ronald C. Kaufman
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Political Affairs

Secretary Edward J. Derwinski
The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
VA, VA Building
810 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1991

The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:

(b)(6) Thank you for the resume and letter of endorsement of [REDACTED] for a position on the U.S. Delegation on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

(b)(6) [REDACTED] has an impressive background. I have forwarded his vitae to the office of International Organizations at the Department of State for their review. I will be in contact with [REDACTED] should there be a need for further information.

Again, thank you for bringing to our attention the names of well qualified candidates to serve our President.

Sincerely,



JOSE E. MARTINEZ

Special Assistant to the President and
Associate Director, Office of Presidential Personnel

Talking Points
East Central Florida
Meeting w/Governor Sununu
August 19, 1991

- o We have completed environmental assessments on a total of seven sites.
- o The Brevard County option is still a strong contender. You should know that Sonny Montgomery strongly supports Brevard.
- o The Naval Training Center in Orlando escaped the base closure list, but that option remains far less desirable than others, chiefly because Navy's interest has been lukewarm.
- o I will receive a comprehensive report on all the options shortly after Labor Day, when I hope to announce a decision.
- o The final decision will be the best, most objective call I can make.
- o It is my judgment we should keep the White House and the President out of the actual decision, but I will keep you informed as we approach the announcement.
- o This is the last time we will have to agonize over a decision on hospital placement. Original plans called for another two brand new hospitals in Florida. However, we have eliminated the two new hospitals in favor of outpatient clinics combined with nursing homes -- a more practical, modern, and less expensive way to provide more care to more veterans.

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2 The new Government has been determined, as stated before the election, to move the NZ/US relationship back onto an even keel: they moved quickly to give support to the Gulf effort and contributed to US led forces, provided assistance to Kurds at US request, emphasized collective security in new defence white paper etc. The appointment of a new NZ Ambassador to Washington was all part of that process.

3 Hence there is some irritation at being treated little different from our predecessors. In fact given that we are not being afforded the opportunity to consider a "clean" ship visit, some would say we are treated worse.

4 We are aware of pressure from Australia to keep New Zealand isolated.

5 What really irritates, however, is on the political front seeing leaders from countries that have supported terrorism or military systems aimed at the US or the West (eg Yeltsin) warmly welcomed to the White House while we can't step on the lawn. We know why they are there: what is difficult for New Zealanders to understand is why we, as friends for a much longer period, sharing the same values and having fought together for the same values, are not.

6 The Minister of External Relations did get to see and have a good dialogue with a number of Cabinet Ministers on his recent visit to Washington, but subsequently two senior Administration officials appeared to be putting the old barriers back - in fact almost erecting new ones.

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10 The political relationship can be moved forward, however, if the US wants it to, without affecting strategic concerns or undermining NCND or being dependent on actions by either Government that are simply not possible at the moment, by eg

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski 
SUBJECT: Travel to Poland and Iceland,
August 10-14, 1991

I was honored to represent you as head of the US Presidential Delegation to the consecration of the new ambulatory care center at the Polish-American Children's Hospital in Krakow, Poland. As the center is named for the late Clem Zablocki, a major supporter of the entire hospital project, Dante Fascell led a five-person congressional delegation at the ceremony and related events. Many of the speakers, including Pope John Paul II, referred positively to your visits to the hospital, and the large crowd exuberantly applauded your message, which I delivered in Polish and Ambassador Simons in English.

At a separate meeting in Krakow, President Lech Walesa told us that his government is moving ahead with all deliberate speed to transform the economy into a free market. Progress will be steady but the process will not be completed overnight, he said. Some Poles are reluctant to give up the facade of social cushions of the past four decades, he observed. But most, he thought, are happy to eliminate communism's stifling atmosphere and the near ruinous conditions it created in the country. He was concerned about the possibility of a right-wing coup attempt in the USSR. Walesa expressed appreciation for America's public and private support for Poland's efforts. He specifically asked that I convey his warm personal greetings to you.

We also had useful meetings with a number of Poland's cabinet members, including the prime minister and foreign and health ministers. They too were in Krakow to attend the consecration as well as a Mass conducted by the Pope before hundreds of thousands of people in Krakow's Market Square. Previously, Poland's communist governments denied him any opportunity to say Mass in that historic setting.

A symposium on "Health Perspectives in Eastern and Central Europe" held at the hospital gave me an opportunity to exchange views with health ministers and other officials from Hungary, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia. They were enthusiastic over the enhanced regional cooperation their recent political freedom was engendering and looked forward to increasing health care cooperation with the US. Several expressed interest in visiting the US to observe VA and other hospital systems.

En route home, we stopped to refuel in Iceland. There at my request and through the good offices of Ambassador Cobb I met with the prime minister, foreign minister, members of parliament, and a number of other Icelandic officials with whom I had dealt during various negotiations while I was at the State Department. Also sending their greetings to you, they expressed general approval at the state of US-Icelandic relations, the sole exception being their wish to be allowed to resume whaling without opposition from the international community. Having come out for Baltic independence, they said Iceland was on the verge of recognizing Lithuania and probably the other Baltic States soon thereafter.

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1991

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *ed*
SUBJECT: VA Health Care: A Number of Steps Forward,
Fewer Steps Back

Recent media attention focused on questionable care at some VA medical centers, particularly at North Chicago, Ill. I want to update you on the steps we have taken to address the issues.

Hearing of problems there, I ordered an Inspector General review. The IG uncovered patterns of inadequate medical care that may have contributed, inter alia, to the deaths of at least eight veterans over the past two years. A panel of independent physicians confirmed the situation. I immediately directed changes in the hospital's leadership, elimination of certain kinds of surgery, and introduction of rigid quality control and accountability.

Before releasing the IG's report, we alerted the local congressman and sent copies to both Illinois senators and other appropriate members of Congress. I have insisted that VA's answers to the many congressional and media inquiries be forthcoming and honest, tempered only by privacy and due process. This way, we have contained the damage an evasive and secretive stance would have produced. We have also noticed grudging media acknowledgement of our positive efforts.

We have aggressively initiated a three-tiered system of early warning and corrective measures. This comprises a checklist of key quality of care indicators for semi-annual VAMC certifications, cyclical inspections of all medical facilities by the medical inspector, and independent assessments of our quality assurance programs by the IG.

One tool I installed in 1989 to encourage reporting of problem areas is a program called "Tell It to the Secretary." We use a post office box and I personally review and respond to information and complaints sent in on VA and VA-related activities. It has helped us find problems in many VA facilities, including North Chicago.

I do not wish to minimize the major administrative problem North Chicago has been or to suggest that there will not be other "North Chicagos." But by acting quickly to identify and correct the problems, we enhance our ability to continue providing the best care and service possible to our veterans.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
FROM: LEIGH ANN METZGER
SUBJECT: National Veteran Convention Schedule

Please find attached a schedule of the leading veteran service organization's summer conventions. The "Big 3" include the American Legion (4 million members), the VFW (2.3 million) and the Disabled American Veterans (1.1 million). There is a clear drop off in the size of membership in the other organizations and many of their members belong to one of the "Big 3".

Each of the major veteran groups has in addition to their annual summer/early fall convention a "mid-winter" conference usually here in Washington. This past year Secretary Cheney and General Powell respectively spoke to the American Legion and VFW.

As you recall, the President attended the VFW convention in Baltimore in August 1990. It has been my suggestion that the President go to the Disabled American Veterans convention this summer in New Orleans. The dates for their convention are July 27 through August 1. Two years ago the President was scheduled to go to the DAV event and had to cancel at the last minute to attend a funeral. They are a strong group politically and they are viewed as the next in line to receive a presidential visit.

If you are interested in doing additional conventions I would be happy to provide the necessary background.

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Secretary Edward J. Derwinski
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Derwinski:

This letter is a follow-up to our meeting last Thursday regarding the siting of a new VA hospital in East Central Florida.

It is my understanding that you have postponed making a siting decision on this hospital until August in order to know the fate of the Orlando Naval Training Center (NTC) in the on-going base closing process and so that additional study can be done on certain potential sites. One of these potential sites is the Clayton-Rybolt property located on the Orange/Seminole County line near the University of Central Florida. At one time a mapping error showed a large portion of this parcel to be within a 100 year flood plain which appeared to disqualify it; however, as you are aware, that error has been corrected and your staff confirms that the flood plain consideration no longer disqualifies the property. However, from the notes you had on this site you wanted a wetlands question clarified, and this led to a discussion between us regarding the fact that this site was part of a much larger parcel of land from which the owners have always been agreeable to the VA choosing whatever portion it wanted for a hospital site. It happens that your representatives chose the particular acreage on which an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was done. Having examined the topographical maps on this property and having personally visited it, I assured you during our meeting that adjusting the actual site acreage by a movement of just 50 or 100 yards or so would move it to a higher elevation completely out of any possible wetlands or flood plain consideration. Your staff advised that such an adjustment would require an additional EIS. It is my understanding from our meeting that you are requesting that this additional EIS be done on the land adjoining and upland from the acreage which has previously been studied to determine if a simple adjustment would remove any wetlands or flood plain considerations altogether and that you further are requesting your staff to evaluate and explain the wetlands notation on the acreage which has already

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been studied. Based on conversations I've had with your consultants on this site selection and others, I am confident that this additional study and review will demonstrate not only the suitability of an adjusted site on this property, but also the suitability of the acreage which has already been studied.

My interest in clarifying the suitability of the Clayton-Rybolt site stems from the fact that it is one of three sites in close proximity to Orlando, and, as you know, I feel strongly that with the center of veterans population to be served by this new hospital located in the Orange/Seminole County area very near Orlando that, if at all possible, the new VA hospital should be built on one of these three sites. I continue to prefer the NTC Orlando site and hope that you and your staff will further review this site for consideration whether the NTC stays or is closed. If NTC Orlando is left open there are obvious cost-sharing advantages. On the other hand, if it is closed, the VA would have its choice of a very large tract of highly desirable land for a new hospital and other facilities as well as an existing hospital structure which is only ten years old.

During our meeting you pointed out that there was a parcel of property owned by the Duda family in Seminole County which was under consideration for siting a nursing home and an outpatient facility should a Brevard site be chosen for the hospital. You referred to this property as the Oviedo site, and it was confusing to me because I was thinking of the Clayton-Rybolt site as the Oviedo site inasmuch as it abuts the community of Oviedo. I am unfamiliar with the Seminole County Duda property which has been offered and would like more information on it. Could you please advise the acreage involved in this parcel and its specific location and any other pertinent information regarding it?

Also, I have not been given access to any of the data which your staff is using in its analysis of the sites in Orange and Brevard counties and is apparently furnishing you in support of their recommendations on siting the hospital. It would be helpful to me and give me a better understanding of what considerations you are looking at if I could see this supporting data and analysis. Would it be possible to at least have copies of the analysis papers you referred to during our meeting? Also, I would appreciate any updated census and demographic data concerning the veterans population in the counties to be served by this new hospital and current projections for the growth of veterans population in these counties in coming years which are being used by your staff in making recommendations to you. Further, several times I have heard reference to the willingness of the Air Force

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to contribute \$20 million dollars or so to the construction and operation of a new hospital if it's sited near Patrick Air Force Base, but I have never been given the specific details of this offer; would you please furnish to me the details of this Air Force proposal and a description of how your staff envisions it impacting the cost to the VA of building and/or operating a hospital near Patrick?

Your courtesy in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



BILL MCCOLLUM
Member of Congress

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P.S. Enclosed is a copy of a June 3rd letter sent to you by the Clayton's and Rybolt's reconfirming their offer including the choice of exact acreage.



**THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON**

March 6, 1991

TO: John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff to the President

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *EJD*
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Attached is a paper we prepared after touching base with Sig Rogich this morning. Hope it fits with your views on the Washington celebration which we trust will be the biggest welcome for our returning servicemen.

Attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON DC 20420

March 6, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Sig Rogich
Assistant To The President

SUBJECT: Veterans Sponsorship of the May 18 Washington D.C.
Homecoming Celebrations For Desert Shield/Desert Storm

America's veterans are ready, willing and eager to assist in homecoming events for the men and women of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Congressionally chartered veteran service organizations (VSO's) could form an alliance to jointly sponsor the national welcome-home celebration here in Washington on May 18. The following points are offered:

1. VSO's would immediately organize a not-for-profit corporation with representative participation on the board of directors. Secretary Cheney and Secretary Derwinski could serve as Honorary Chairmen. The Commander-in-Chief would name the corporation as a single control point for all Washington events.

A most important assignment is the Executive Director, an individual of tremendous leadership and diplomacy with a flair for planning and organizing large-scale events. Lieutenant General Thomas W. Kelly, U.S. Army, Director, J-3 Operations Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff, is a suggested nominee. The corporation would be empowered to receive all donations and contributions. Sound accounting and finance management is essential. A realistic budget and time lines for all activities must be planned immediately. Surplus funds could be donated to a scholarship fund for the children of those men and women killed.

The Executive Director would form a team of experts with in-depth experience to coordinate the elements of this celebration, the parade (recommend morning and early afternoon); musical and family events on the mall, as appropriate; and evening fireworks and sponsored receptions.

2. Independent of the VSO corporate structure, the Executive Departments should immediately form an interagency task force to coordinate all the Federal requirements, including appropriate representation from the District of Columbia.

3. A senior advisory board should be established to provide an appropriate organization to allow participation by senators, congressmen, state governors and influential members of American society (business executives, union leaders, etc.).

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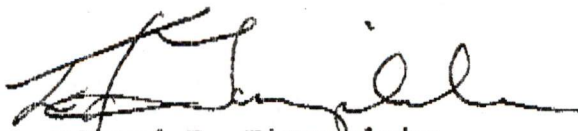
NOTES ON THE PARADE: All elements of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, including a flyover, will be included in planning the parade. Other considerations for participation:

- o Individual honor guards from each of the VSO's sponsoring the event.
- o A representative contingent from all coalition allies that participated in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- o As a special honor all reservists and National Guard men and women mobilized from the federal government in the greater Washington area should be invited to march.
- o A special position of honor should be set aside for all POW's, wounded members of the armed forces and casualties' next of kin.
- o General Schwarzkopf should lead the parade pausing in front of the White House to pay tribute to the Commander-in-Chief and the national command authority and then join the reviewing party.

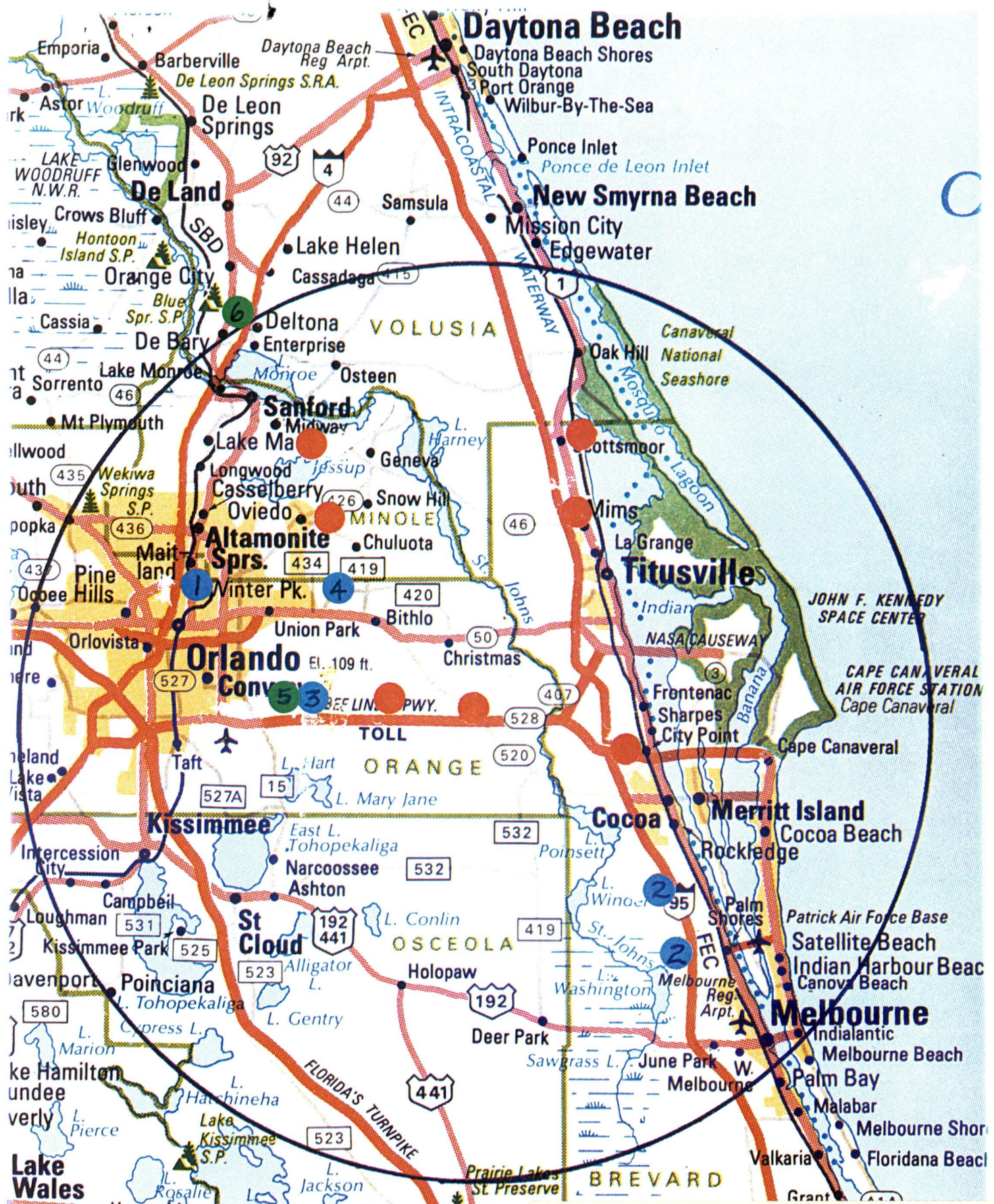
NOTES ON THE ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENING ACTIVITIES:

Executive Director hires a solid team of experts who have had previous experience planning major events on the mall.

CONCLUSIONS: To plan and deliver an event of this magnitude in 70 days requires an organization that will not make a false step. The tremendous teamwork necessary makes it absolutely essential that a single focal point identify all requirements and delegate the authority necessary. A VSO not-for-profit organization, given the privilege of honoring the Commander-in-Chief and all his troops, would have the full support of the White House and all members of the Executive Department.



Edward T. Timperlake



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September 13, 1990

Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary
Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We recently had an opportunity to discuss the siting of the second new VA medical center in Florida with the Surgeon General of the Air Force. As you are well aware, for a long time the Air Force has been interested in joining the VA as a partner in a facility in Brevard County. Last year the Surgeon General expressed his enthusiasm for this venture during a meeting with the Honorable John Murtha and myself when we visited the Regional Federal Medical Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It is my understanding that a meeting between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Air Force was held March 5-7 of this year and at that meeting the participants were able to develop a "Concept of Operations" on how such a joint venture would be organized and operated. I have supported the Air Force in its efforts since it first expressed an interest in this venture in 1987 and I am concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs has still not addressed this issue. The Air Force is currently negotiating its FY 1992 budget with OMB and a decision needs to be made without further delay.

I am aware that some effort is being made to have the Department build a new hospital in Orlando. Based on a visit conducted by the committee staff recently, I believe it would be a mistake to do so. A new hospital should be built in Brevard County in conjunction with the Air Force. A joint facility there would be cost effective and would solve a lot of problems, both for the VA and the Air Force. A large outpatient clinic either on the Naval Training Center grounds or somewhere in the Orlando area is needed. In the interim, the Department could lease 50 to 60,000 square feet of space to accommodate the current outpatient needs until a new 80,000 square foot clinic is constructed.

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The current naval hospital in Orlando could be expanded two additional floors if the VA needs additional inpatient space for veterans in the Orlando area. The Department needs to concentrate its efforts on the establishment of an outpatient clinic and possibly constructing a 120-bed nursing care unit to take care of long-term needs of veterans in the Orlando area.

Mr. Secretary, the time is long passed for a decision on the location of the hospital, and I ask that you let the committee know what your decision is as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY
Chairman

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The Honorable G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery
Chairman, Committee on Veterans Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in East
Central Florida.

Our planning process has included continual coordination
with both the Navy and the Air Force. I am aware of and
appreciate Air Force's interest in a joint venture; however,
I am still awaiting a reply from the Navy on their official
position. We have also had very positive interest and
support from both Brevard and Orange Counties, and from local
veteran organizations.

I will advise you of the Department's preferred
alternative site by the end of December 1990, after we have
completed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on
four sites: two in Orange County and two in Brevard County.
I will also advise you of the final site selection next
summer upon completion of the EIS process.

Please be assured that I will choose a location and plan
that best serves the veterans' needs and best suits VA's
health care delivery plans.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Derwinski

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Honorable Donald B. Rice
 Secretary of the Air Force
 The Pentagon
 Washington, DC 20330-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for sharing with me a copy of your letter to Secretary Derwinski of April 23, 1990.

I recently met with the Secretary in my office in reference to cost sharing agreements between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. It would appear we may have an opportunity to do a joint venture at Tripler similar to the successful venture with the Air Force in Albuquerque.

At some point during the meeting I made reference to the fact that the Air Force was ready to go with its share of the funds to enter into a joint venture with VA on the construction of a new veterans medical center near Patrick Air Force Base. You may be aware that the Navy has expressed some interest in VA moving the site closer to the Orlando area; however, nothing firm has been established in that regard. I told the Secretary that I thought it was important to proceed without delay on this particular project. Since the Air Force was ready to go and in view of the outstanding relationship that has existed between the Air Force and VA officials at Albuquerque, I suggested that the VA work with the Air Force in building a hospital that would suit the needs of both departments.

I would advise you and/or the Surgeon General of the Air Force to stay in close touch with the Secretary and his staff in reference to the Air Force's interest in this project.

Sincerely,

G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY
 Chairman

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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March 13, 1991

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

Dear Governor Sununu:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I mentioned yesterday, outlining Navy's response to the proposal to locate a new VA medical center on the present Naval training site.

For the Navy's Orlando site to be competitive, we need their absolute commitment with respect to sharing of facilities and equipment, and full coordination of medical staff. Our history of sharing efforts with Navy to date suggests we can expect minimal cooperation.

The fact is, we cannot justify using Navy's site if the stipulations outlined in Secretary Garrett's letter hold. The Navy's total package must be comparable to the Air Force's. Navy's requirement that VA compensate them for the costs of preserving a golf course, replacing quarters, and constructing access roads is unacceptable.

You should know that VA/DOD sharing has had many major successes, and one of the most important variables has been the level of cooperation from the branch of DOD involved. Generally speaking, we have found the Army cooperative, the Air Force exceptionally cooperative, and the Navy consistently indifferent.

I will be pleased to discuss this further at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Derwinski

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

12 September 1990

The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ed:

Some time ago you wrote Secretary Cheney regarding a possible site sharing venture for a new Veterans Affairs hospital to be collocated with the Naval Hospital, Orlando. Since your letter, we have considered your proposal in depth and we are prepared to support it. I have asked the Navy Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Jim Zimble, to be the principal Navy point of contact for the project.

Because the land we will provide at Orlando is currently committed to other uses, we would like to participate in required environmental impact and facility planning studies conducted by the VA. As a part of the project, the VA plans must include compensation for any changes to the current recreational facilities, replacement of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters if demolition of the existing building is required, and funding for construction of adequate access roads to ensure that traffic flow is not a problem.

Our support of the project is predicated on our belief that in the long run, not only will the government as a whole be better served, but that Navy medical beneficiaries will achieve access to a level of health care capability that the Navy could not achieve alone. At the same time, we will want to preserve the identity of Navy health care. We would expect Navy control of Navy patients and to have full access to all available specialty care, as required, in the VA hospital.

I am confident that together our organizations can complete this project and that the sum of our collective efforts will be greater than either could achieve alone.

Sincerely,

H. Lawrence Garrett, III
Secretary of the Navy

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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your March 16, 1990, letter re-confirms the interest of the Air Force in joint-sharing the Department of Veterans Affairs' proposed East Central Florida Medical Center, if we select one of the proposed sites in Brevard County that is near Patrick Air Force Base. Another site we are still considering also offers opportunity for cooperative sharing. That site is adjacent to the existing hospital at the Orlando Naval Training Center. Although the Navy proposed this site, it has been difficult for us to elicit a clear signal defining their interest in a jointly beneficial facility; seemingly, because no official is vested with the authority to commit the Navy in meaningful discussions.

While Congressman Bill McCollum (FL-5th) has met repeatedly with Navy and assures us of the Navy commitment, we still seem to need your help to insure a completely meaningful analysis of the Orlando site.

From our perspective, our interest in a thorough study of the Orlando site is due solely to the fact that, of the proposed sites, Orlando is much nearer the center of the veteran population to be served by the new facility.

We are continuing with environmental studies at all proposed sites, and we are most appreciative of the Air Force for their clear articulation of interest. To insure a comparable analysis of all sites, I would appreciate your help in identification of the official Navy position and a point of contact for further coordination.

In this manner, we can both insure a full and complete analysis of the medical benefits that may be derived from facility sharing at either the Orlando Naval Training Center or Patrick Air Force Base.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) EDWARD J. DERWINSKI

Edward J. Derwinski

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

18 MAR 1990

Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Ed:

As a result of our recent meeting to discuss cooperation between our Departments, we have been in contact with your staff to obtain more detailed information about your requirements. At the same time, my staff is working with the Military Departments to ensure their cooperation in this initiative.

Specific information about the issues you raised is set forth in the enclosure to this letter. Under the 1988 Base Closure Act, the Military Departments obtain fair market value from the person or agency to whom they transfer the closed bases. The funds to be received from the sale of these properties are included in the estimated savings resulting from closure. The statute permits the use of these proceeds to carry out base closure actions.

Much work remains to be done for successful accomplishment of these initiatives which are important to both our Departments. There are many competing requirements for these properties, some of which were placed on DoD by Congress and some by Executive Order. However, we will continue to work with you and your staff. We want to provide as much assistance as we can.

In this regard, I have designated David J. Berteau, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Production and Logistics, as the DoD point of contact for this initiative and liaison between the VA and DoD. He can be reached on 695-6639.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of David J. Berteau, is written in dark ink. It consists of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Enclosure

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

1. Florida. What possibilities exist for a joint DoD/VA facilities sharing arrangement in the Orlando area? Would such an arrangement be possible at Patrick AFB?

The Air Force continues to express its interest in joining the VA in a joint medical facility located in the Brevard County/ Patrick Air Force Base area. Patrick AFB has an existing requirement for a hospital replacement project to begin in Fiscal Year 1994, making that site an excellent joint project candidate.

2. Hawaii. What possibilities exist for joint DoD/VA facilities sharing arrangements in Hawaii? Would VA acquisition of DoD facilities being closed in Hawaii be possible? Would it be possible for VA to acquire DoD facilities being closed in Hawaii without paying fair market value?

The Department of the Army has reviewed its property requirements at Tripler Army Medical Center and determined that a 12 acre site could be offered to the VA subject to certain conditions. Essentially, VA would be required to fund construction of replacement facilities for the activities that would need to relocate. VA would also have to finance any studies required to determine the feasibility of the site. The State of Hawaii is very interested in acquiring the land at the Kapalama Military Reservation that the Base Closure Commission recommended for disposal and it is likely that special legislation will be introduced which would preclude transfer to VA. The Military Departments receive fair market value from agencies receiving closed bases under the 1988 Base Closure Act.

3. New Hampshire. When DoD closes Pease AFB, could VA obtain the DoD hospital in the area (for which VA would continue serving the DoD active and retired community in the area)?

On December 5, 1989, the Pease AFB Redevelopment Commission conducted a meeting at which several parties including Penobscot Bay Medical Associates, the Uniformed Services Treatment Facility at Portland, Maine, expressed interest in the Pease AFB Hospital. Representatives from the VA Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire, attended the meeting and expressed their interest in obtaining the hospital. At this time, the VA is developing a detailed proposal to present to the Air Force and DoD. The Pease AFB Redevelopment Commission has not decided on which reuse option they will recommend.

4. California. Could VA obtain from DoD two acres of the Presidio of San Francisco for a crematorium?

The vast majority of the acreage at the Presidio will be transferred to the Department of Interior in accordance with existing statutes. DoI should be contacted concerning the possibility of providing the land for the crematorium.

5. National Cemetery Sites. What possibilities do the facilities being closed by DoD provide for 3 or 4 sites near population centers in the U.S. for national cemetery sites?

VA will be receiving the existing cemetery at Fort Sheridan. The requirement that the Army retain 60 acres of land for Reserve activities at Fort Sheridan may conflict with the acquisition of additional land by VA for cemetery purposes, however, a decision on this issue has not been made and we will continue to work with VA until it is resolved.

Regarding other cemetery sites, at other locations, Mather AFB was identified by the VA but more details are required. Potential sites exist that could be isolated from the rest of Mather AFB.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

AC/ER

March 6, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNOR SUNUNU

FROM:

EDE HOLIDAY 

SUBJECT:

Site Selection for Florida VA Hospital

Secretary Derwinski reports that Veterans Affairs is close to deciding the site of the new VA medical facility in Central Florida. Derwinski has narrowed the list of prospective sites from more than twenty down to five locations. He plans to announce his choice sometime during the third week of March. As you know, this decision has attracted a great deal of attention from Congressmen representing the area.

All of the sites under consideration have been donated to the government. Because several of the donated sites were considered suitable, they found it unnecessary to purchase land. Each of the sites has gone through an evaluation based on several factors, including accessibility, efficient land use and economic criteria. They have also had extensive discussions with Navy and Air Force officials about possible sharing arrangements for providing medical care.

The Secretary plans to call you once he has made the decision.



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February 26, 1991

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

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to my attention that Secretary Derwinski will soon be naming the site of a new VA Hospital in East Central Florida.

Because the center of veterans population to be served is in the Orlando area, I am writing to lend support of the siting of the hospital on one of the three Orange County sites as opposed to the Brevard siting.

It is my understanding that a couple of sites in Brevard County have been proposed by some members of the VA staff. In my opinion, Brevard County would not be most logical site as it moves away from the center of the veterans population.

I would appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Van B. Poole
Chairman

VBP/cfl

cc: Secretary Edwin Derwinski
Governor John Sununu

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John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff
Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear John:

As we discussed at Bill Grant's fundraiser in Tallahassee a couple of weeks ago, I need your help with the siting decision on a new Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital in East Central Florida. VA Secretary Ed Derwinski is expected to make the decision early next year.

Quite a number of years ago, VA planners decided that veterans population growth dictated building a new VA hospital in East Central Florida. Despite the fact that the center of the veterans population to be served by this hospital was clearly in Orlando, in my congressional district (the Fifth District of Florida), VA bureaucrats with close ties to Democratic congressmen in the area issued a report favoring the siting of this hospital a considerable distance from Orlando in Bill Nelson's district. The analysis was faulty on its face and I ordered a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation. This GAO investigation resulted in a report confirming my analysis and strongly criticizing the VA analysis. Armed with this GAO report, I still needed help to turn this around, and I went to then Vice President George Bush to ask the only favor I ever recall asking of him. He promised me his support and with his help we got the then VA Administrator, General Turnage, to discard the original siting analysis and focus on the Orlando Naval Training Center (NTC), located in my district, as the preferred site.

Time has passed, and the VA has finally narrowed its formal site selection to three possible locations, only one of which is in my congressional district: the Orlando NTC, on land in proximity to an existing Naval hospital, which the Navy quite some time ago agreed to donate to the VA. This past November, Ed Derwinski visited the NTC site, as well as the other two sites, and subsequently expressed to me his disappointment with the responsiveness of the local Navy officials during his visit.

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I have checked thoroughly on the concerns he raised with me and have found nothing that could not be easily overcome by some simple discussions between the officials of the VA and the Navy, which should have taken place a long time ago and which they now apparently have both agreed to conduct. However, this all makes me very uneasy. Most of the same bureaucrats who wanted to site this hospital elsewhere are still entrenched at the VA, and I suspect that Ed Derwinski is getting a lot of pressure from them and possibly from some key Congressional Democrats to site this hospital in one of the other two locations in Bill Nelson's district.

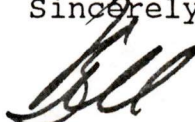
For your reference, I am enclosing a copy of a fairly recent letter I sent to Ed which has yet to receive a response. Please note that my request of you only goes to the siting issue and not to the budgetary concerns expressed in my letter.

Aside from the fact that the siting of a VA hospital at the NTC is the right thing to do because of obvious cost savings in having a VA hospital and a Naval hospital on the same property sharing facilities, equipment, and staff, and because the NTC Orlando site is at the center of the veteran's population in the area and therefore the most accessible location for the most veterans, and aside from the great importance this is to me personally to have this hospital sited at NTC Orlando, there is another very important consideration. Bill Nelson is the overwhelming favorite to be the Democratic nominee against Governor Bob Martinez in next November's election. I know that Governor Martinez feels strongly about this and definitely does not want this VA hospital sited in Nelson's district and has explicitly expressed this to Secretary Derwinski.

I would greatly appreciate your advising Ed of the President's continued support of me on this issue and your stressing to him the political importance of siting the East Central Florida VA Hospital at the Orlando NTC.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Bill McCollum
Member of Congress

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FROM LAKE COUNTY, TOLL FREE:
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November 30, 1989

Secretary Edward J. Derwinski
Department of Veterans' Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Since our telephone conversation which followed your recent visit to the three proposed sites for an East Central Florida veterans' hospital, I have become quite concerned with the direction and the timetable on the siting and construction of this hospital and am writing to express these concerns to you.

In our phone conversation you mentioned to me that current plans do not call for the completion and opening of this hospital until 1998. Frankly, this is much further away than I previously had been led to believe, and this is deeply disturbing to me and to the veterans of Central Florida.

Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the page on the East Central Florida VA Medical Center from the June 1987 VA Five Year Medical Facility Development Plan. As you can see, at that time the proposal contemplated seeking budget funds of \$10 million for site acquisition in FY 1990; \$9.3 million for design in FY 1991; and \$83.7 million for construction in FY 1992. I realize that there is a disclaimer on every page of that plan with regard to the timetables, and obviously, this medical facility has already slipped a year on that published timetable. However, our World War II and Korean War veterans are not getting any younger, and it is imperative that the East Central Florida hospital be sited and built as soon as possible. To this end, I urge you to put a request in your FY 1991 budget for monies for site acquisition and design.

As to specific site selection, I know I express the views of the vast majority of veterans in Central Florida that the best and most convenient of the three sites you have under consideration is the one at the Orlando Naval Training Center. Clearly, it is the closest to the center of veterans population for the area to be served and would allow for long-term, cost effective sharing of medical needs and facilities between a large Naval establishment and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Consequently, as reported to me by you, Captain Wilmot (CO of Orlando NTC) and other Navy officials with whom I

Secretary Edward J. Derwinski
November 30, 1989
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spoke, I find the site selection work done in advance of your visit to the Orlando Naval Training Center to be appalling.

The record will show that many months ago the Navy offered 50-75 acres on its properties in Orlando for the VA Hospital and offered full cooperation to the VA for such siting. During the intervening months before your visit the only matter of concern to the VA regarding this site brought to my attention or to the attention of Navy officials was a question of access from the site to the major highway not far from the base. This question of access was resolved with the full cooperation of the Orange County Commission along with planning engineers of both the Navy and the local governments involved. According to Navy officials, no one from the VA ever came to meet with appropriate NTC personnel to suggest or work out any specifics on how the existing Naval hospital on the premises and the proposed VA hospital could share staffs, equipment, training and other things that would make the siting of the VA hospital at this location mutually beneficial and cost effective. Apparently, no one from the VA ever got specific with the Navy as to details of any physical plant that might be sited there and the locations that would be needed for each portion of this plant. The Navy tells me that it has not had the experience of a sharing arrangement with the VA previously, and while the Navy believes it is of obvious mutual benefit to have the VA hospital on the Navy premises, it is looking to the VA for direction and specific suggestions.

To this end it is my understanding that at the meeting here, you agreed to send a couple of knowledgeable key planners from your office to Orlando to work with the Navy on specifics in the immediate future. I strongly urge you to do this as soon as possible and believe that you will find the Navy to be most interested and cooperative. From my conversations with Navy officials, I am convinced that they are ready and willing to alter or wipe out the golf course they have been working on and make any other reasonable physical accommodations necessary to site the VA hospital on NTC property.

In the aftermath of your visit there exists some confusion as to the VA's intent with regard to the siting of a new outpatient clinic and a nursing home facility in addition to the hospital. While I strongly support the enhancement of the outpatient facilities in Orlando and encourage the development of plans for a new clinic and a nursing home facility in the future, I must tell you that the clear priority with Central Florida veterans rests with the siting and construction of the hospital. First

Secretary Edward J. Derwinski
November 30, 1989
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and foremost the veterans of East Central Florida need a hospital, and they need it now, not ten years from now.

Your urgent attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill McCollum
Member of Congress

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March 6, 1991

TO: John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff to the President

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FROM: Edward J. Derwinski *ED*
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

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Attached is a paper we prepared after touching base with Sig Rogich this morning. Hope it fits with your views on the Washington celebration which we trust will be the biggest welcome for our returning servicemen.

Attachment

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON DC 20420

March 6, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Sig Rogich
Assistant To The President

SUBJECT: Veterans Sponsorship of the May 18 Washington D.C.
Homecoming Celebrations For Desert Shield/Desert Storm

America's veterans are ready, willing and eager to assist in homecoming events for the men and women of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Congressionally chartered veteran service organizations (VSO's) could form an alliance to jointly sponsor the national welcome-home celebration here in Washington on May 18. The following points are offered:

1. VSO's would immediately organize a not-for-profit corporation with representative participation on the board of directors. Secretary Cheney and Secretary Derwinski could serve as Honorary Chairmen. The Commander-in-Chief would name the corporation as a single control point for all Washington events.

A most important assignment is the Executive Director, an individual of tremendous leadership and diplomacy with a flair for planning and organizing large-scale events. Lieutenant General Thomas W. Kelly, U.S. Army, Director, J-3 Operations Directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff, is a suggested nominee. The corporation would be empowered to receive all donations and contributions. Sound accounting and finance management is essential. A realistic budget and time lines for all activities must be planned immediately. Surplus funds could be donated to a scholarship fund for the children of those men and women killed.

The Executive Director would form a team of experts with in-depth experience to coordinate the elements of this celebration, the parade (recommend morning and early afternoon); musical and family events on the mall, as appropriate; and evening fireworks and sponsored receptions.

2. Independent of the VSO corporate structure, the Executive Departments should immediately form an interagency task force to coordinate all the Federal requirements, including appropriate representation from the District of Columbia.

3. A senior advisory board should be established to provide an appropriate organization to allow participation by senators, congressmen, state governors and influential members of American society (business executives, union leaders, etc.).

NOTES ON THE PARADE: All elements of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, including a flyover, will be included in planning the parade. Other considerations for participation:

- o Individual honor guards from each of the VSO's sponsoring the event.
- o A representative contingent from all coalition allies that participated in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- o As a special honor all reservists and National Guard men and women mobilized from the federal government in the greater Washington area should be invited to march.
- o A special position of honor should be set aside for all POW's, wounded members of the armed forces and casualties' next of kin.
- o General Schwarzkopf should lead the parade pausing in front of the White House to pay tribute to the Commander-in-Chief and the national command authority and then join the reviewing party.

NOTES ON THE ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENING ACTIVITIES:

Executive Director hires a solid team of experts who have had previous experience planning major events on the mall.

CONCLUSIONS: To plan and deliver an event of this magnitude in 70 days requires an organization that will not make a false step. The tremendous teamwork necessary makes it absolutely essential that a single focal point identify all requirements and delegate the authority necessary. A VSO not-for-profit organization, given the privilege of honoring the Commander-in-Chief and all his troops, would have the full support of the White House and all members of the Executive Department.



Edward T. Timperlake

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

DATE: January 25, 1991

TO: ANDY CARD

FROM: GOVERNOR JOHN H. SUNUNU

Derwinski's request should go into consideration
at the next Long Range Scheduling meeting.

cc: dde



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

THE CHIEF of STAFF
has seen

DATE: January 17, 1991

TO: The Honorable John H. Sununu
Chief of Staff
The White House

FROM: Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Enclosed is a list of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars conventions in six major states. You will recall our conversation about the possibility of utilizing one of these conventions as a vehicle which would permit the President to reach veterans at a grassroots level.

On the average, the Legion has a 3:2 ratio of membership as compared to the VFW.

Enclosure

<u>California:</u>	AL	6/26-30/91	Riverside
	VFW	6/14-21/91	Redding
<u>Florida:</u>	AL	5/31-6/2/91	Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood
	VFW	6/26-30/91	Hyatt Orlando, Kissimmee
<u>Illinois:</u>	AL	7/10-14/91	Ramada Hotel O'Hara, Rosemont
	VFW	6/20-23/91	Sheraton Hotel O'Hara, Rosemont
<u>New York:</u>	AL	7/8-13/91	Rochester
	VFW	6/26-29/91	Buffalo
<u>Pennsylvania:</u>	AL	7/18-21/91	Sheraton, Valley Forge
	VFW	6/26-29/91	Monroeville
<u>Texas:</u>	AL	7/11-14/91	Sheraton Fairway Resort, McAllen
	VFW	6/26-30/91	Grand Kempinsky Hotel, Dallas