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November 2, 1989

Betty Meyer:

I am faxing you the following:

1. The original letter to Senator Dole, dated August 29. The same letter was sent to the other 3 co-sponsors, Senator Inouye and Congressmen Michel and Bennett.
2. The letter sent to all members who were invited to join the committee. It is quite similar to the one Senator Dole received.
3. The list of acceptances to the committee to date.
4. The list of yes, maybe, and no responses to the luncheon on November 8.
5. The agenda for the luncheon.

We are assuming the the co-sponsors will wish to say just a few words of welcome to the group, perhaps something relating to the importance of World War II in the member's own life. If all the Senator wants to say is Hello and Welcome, that's just fine.

Staff members of the Sentor are welcome as well.

For your information, the press is being told of this event. I do not know whether they will choose to cover it.

Hopes this helps. Call me at 523-3007 if you have a question.

Edie Hedlin

Edie Hedlin
Congressional Affairs Officer

(FAX to 224-8952 on November 2)

National Archives



Archivist of the United States

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Washington, DC 20408

August 29, 1989

Honorable Robert J. Dole
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The National Archives is planning a series of events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of America's participation in World War II. The commemoration will have a national focus, involving not only the National Archives in Washington but the 11 Regional Archives and eight Presidential libraries located in 15 states which are part of the National Archives system.

Events are planned for the full four year period, 1991-1995, and will include three major exhibitions, two of which will travel nationwide, film festivals, symposia, conferences, and educational workshops. As custodian of the Nation's history, it is the privilege of the National Archives to lead the commemoration. Our World War II holdings, visual and written, are without parallel in the world. All public programs will be funded by the private sector.

As archivists and historians it seems to us that this 50th anniversary remembrance should honor the American people, those in the armed forces, in war industry, and in agriculture. This was a war of clear and high purpose and our commemorative programs will focus on that fact.

I feel that these activities will be stimulated and enhanced by the presence of a sponsoring committee, a committee comprised of Government officials who are World War II veterans. It would be a privilege and an assurance to me to carry out these programs under the auspices of such a committee.

Senator, it will be an honor if you will serve as honorary co-chairman of this committee. It is my wish that the committee be headed by yourself and three other honorary co-chairs, all World War II veterans, with equal representation from the House and Senate.

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Being mindful of your heavy Congressional obligations, I want to assure you that I intend very limited demands on your schedule. From time to time, I would seek your counsel on matters of importance, beyond that, there would be several select commemorative events where I would ask your attendance. On that basis, I hope you will agree to serve.

One such event, tentatively scheduled for early October, will be a luncheon on Capitol Hill to "kickoff" the program with a presentation to the committee. The luncheon invitation would be extended to all Members of Congress who served in the armed forces during World War II.

Enclosed is a press release which will give you some additional information about our plans. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any particular issues, please give me a call.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Wilson", written in a cursive style.

DON W. WILSON
Archivist of the United States

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Archivist of the United States

Washington, DC 20408

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Honorable George E. Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Brown:

Senators Robert Dole and Daniel Inouye and Congressmen Robert Michel and Charles Bennett and I invite you to join an honorary committee of Members of Congress who are World War II veterans. The committee is being formed as part of the National Archives' commemoration of the 50th anniversary of America's participation in World War II. This observance will have a national focus, involving not only the National Archives in Washington, but the 11 Regional Archives and 8 Presidential libraries located in 15 states which are part of the National Archives system.

National Archives' events are planned for the full four year period, 1991-1995, and will include three major exhibitions, two of which will travel nationwide, film festivals, symposia, conferences, and educational workshops. As custodian of the Nation's history, it is the privilege of the National Archives to lead the commemoration. Our World War II holdings, both visual and written, are without parallel in the world. The public programs will be funded primarily by the private sector. Enclosed is a press release which will give you some additional information about our plans.

This 50th anniversary remembrance should honor the American people, those in the armed forces, in war industry, and in agriculture. This was a war of clear and high purpose and our commemorative programs will focus on that fact.

We believe that these activities will be stimulated and enhanced by the presence of the honorary committee. Being mindful of your heavy Congressional obligations, we want to assure you that we intend very limited demands on your time. Occasionally, we would seek counsel from the committee on matters of importance; beyond that, there will be several commemorative events which we hope you will attend. On that basis, we hope you will agree to serve.

The first such event, co-hosted by Senators Dole and Inouye and Congressmen Michel and Bennett and myself, will be a luncheon on Wednesday, November 8, at noon in the Gold Room of the Rayburn Building to "kickoff" the program with a

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presentation to the committee. The luncheon invitation will be extended to all Members of Congress who served in the armed forces during World War II. I hope you will join us.

Please have a member of your staff call Nancy Taylor in my office to let me know if you will agree to serve on the committee and if you can attend our luncheon. She can be reached on 523-3134.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(signed) DON W. WILSON

DON W. WILSON
Archivist of the United States

Enclosure

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Exact letter sent, see attachment.

As of 11/2/89

World War II Honorary Commemorative Committee

Acceptances

Senate:

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| 1. Dole | 12. Exon |
| 2. Inouye | 13. Sanford |
| 3. Hatfield | 14. Adams |
| 4. Cranston | 15. Bumpers |
| 5. Bentsen | 16. Helms |
| 6. Stevens | 17. Ford |
| 7. Thurmond | 18. Chafee |
| 8. Pell | 19. McClure |
| 9. Matsunaga | |
| 10. Roth | |
| 11. Lautenberg | |

House:

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| 20. Bennett | 42. Olin |
| 21. Michel | 43. Yates |
| 22. Montgomery | 44. Ford |
| 23. Dickinson | 45. Dingell |
| 24. Hutto | 46. Hall |
| 25. Horton | 47. Clarke |
| 26. Kastenmeier | 48. Brown |
| 27. Moorhead | 49. Gibbons |
| 28. Stump | 50. Ray |
| 29. Pickle | |
| 30. Broomfield | |
| 31. Fascell | |
| 32. Slaughter | |
| 33. Lagomarsino | |
| 34. Conte | |
| 39. Hammerschmidt | |
| 36. Ballenger | |
| 37. Bevill | |
| 38. Hyde | |
| 39. Dwyer | |
| 40. Valentine | |
| 41. Murphy | |

No Regets Yet

As of 11/2/89

World War II Commemorative Committee Luncheon

Acceptances	Maybe/Drop-In	Regrets
Senate:		
Inouye	Dole	Hatfield
Stevens	Matsunaga	Bentsen
Thurmond	Roth	Chafee
Pell	Ford	Sanford
	Adams	Helms
	Exon	
	Lautenberg	
	Cranston	
	McClure	
	Bumpers	
 House:		
Michel	Murphy	Ray
Dwyer	Hall	Stump
Bennett	Dingell	Broomfield
Dickinson	Montgomery	Bevill
Hutto	Horton	Dwyer
Kastenmeier	Hammerschmidt	Clarke
Moorhead	Ford	
Pickle		
Slaughter		
Gilman		
Lagomarsino		
Conte		
Ballenger		
Hyde		
Valentine		
Clarke		
Olin		
Yates		
Brown		
Gibbons		

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Agenda for Congressional Luncheon on November 8

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| 12 Noon - 12:10 p.m. | Dr. Don W. Wilson greets guests
Photo opportunity |
| 12:10 - 12:15 p.m. | Dr. Wilson introductory remarks
and invitation to begin luncheon. |
| 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. | Brief remarks by four co-chairs |
| 12:30 - 12:50 p.m. | Presentation on the National Archives
World War II Commemoration by Dr. Wilson
and Linda Brown. |
| 12:50 - 1:00 p.m. | Members invited to view World War II
documents and photographs. |

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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 8, 1989

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY FOR THE
LAUNCHING OF A VERY IMPORTANT SERIES OF EVENTS
COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION IN WORLD WAR II.

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WHILE OUR MILITARY VICTORIES WERE GREAT
THANKS TO EXTRAORDINARY AMERICAN SOLDIERS LIKE
EISENHOWER--A KANSAN, I MAY ADD -- WE MUST
REMEMBER THAT THIS WAS NOT JUST A MILITARY
EFFORT. AMERICAN FARMERS, WORKERS,
SCHOOLTEACHERS, DOCTORS, AND NURSES
CONTRIBUTED TO THE WAR EFFORT. EVERYONE GAVE
THEIR ALL.

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SO, ALONG WITH REMEMBERING OUR VICTORY, WE
MUST REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES THAT THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE MADE IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM. AND FOR
MANY, THE SACRIFICES WERE GREAT.

HAVING SERVED AS A SOLDIER DURING WORLD WAR
II, I HAVE VIVID MEMORIES OF THE WAR. AND, ONE
THING I LEARNED FROM BEING IN WAR, FROM SEEING MY
MEN DIE, AND FROM BEING WOUNDED MYSELF, IS THAT
THE COST OF FREEDOM CAN BE ENORMOUSLY HIGH.

MEMORANDUM
NOVEMBER 7, 1989

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: MIRA BARATTA
SUBJECT: LUNCHEON ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

The agenda of the National Archives "kickoff" lunch is as follows:

12:00-12:15 Dr. Don Wilson (Archivist of the United States) will give introductory remarks.

12:15-12:30 Co-chairs (yourself, Congressmen Michel and Bennett; Senator Inouye will not be able to attend) will offer remarks.

12:30-12:50 Discussion of commemorative events planned for 1991-1995.

12:50-1:00 Opportunity to view documents on display.

The ideal time for you to drop by is between 12:15 and 12:30.

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THE SECOND BIG LESSON I TOOK WITH ME WAS
THAT THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM STARTS HERE, WITH
THE DEFENSE OF AMERICA. AND IT REQUIRES
DETERMINATION, COURAGE AND UNITY.

I HOPE THAT THROUGH THE VARIOUS EVENTS
SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES WE CAN
REMEMBER AMERICAN VICTORIES AND AMERICAN
SACRIFICES. BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HOPE THAT IN
REMEMBERING, WE WILL RENEW OUR COMMITMENT--AS
A NATION -- TO DEFEND FREEDOM AROUND THE GLOBE.

MEMORANDUM
NOVEMBER 7, 1989

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: MIRA BARATTA
SUBJECT: LUNCHEON ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

As you know, you are scheduled to stop by the World War II commemorative "kickoff" luncheon (organized by the National Archives). All Members of Congress who served during World War II have been invited to this luncheon. They have asked that you and the other cosponsors (Senator Inouye and Congressmen Michel and Bennett) say a few words of welcome and/or a few remarks on the importance of World War II in your lives.

A little background: The National Archives' commemorative events are planned for 1991-1995, and will include major exhibitions, conferences, educational workshops and film festivals. These activities will not only involve the National Archives here in D.C., but the Regional Archives and eight Presidential libraries.

It is the intention of the National Archives to honor the American people--in the armed forces, in war industry and in agriculture.