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ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Last Day: December 29

December 22, 1975

Posted in Colorado 12/23
To Ashwin 12/24

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: H.R. 8151 - Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager Medal

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 8151, sponsored by Representative Rousselot, which would authorize the President to present, on behalf of the Congress, a silver medal, equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, USAF. General Yeager was the first person to break the sound barrier when he flew the XS-1 research airplane faster than the speed of sound on October 14, 1947.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 8151 at Tab B.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 22 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 8151 - Brigadier General
Charles E. Yeager medal
Sponsor - Rep. Rousselot (R) California

Last Day for Action

December 29, 1975 - Monday

Purpose

To authorize the President to present a medal to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Defense	Approval
Department of the Treasury	No objection

Discussion

The enrolled bill authorizes the President to present, on behalf of the Congress, a silver medal, equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, United States Air Force. General Yeager risked his life in becoming the first person to break the sound barrier when he flew the XS-1 research airplane faster than the speed of sound on October 14, 1947.

H.R. 8151 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to cause an appropriate medal to be struck for presentation to the General. The Secretary of the Air Force would determine the design of such a medal, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the

Treasury. The enrolled bill authorizes \$5,500 for the production of this medal. It also authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to manufacture and sell to the general public bronze duplicates of the medal at a price sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture, including labor.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

19 DEC 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of Defense with respect to the enrolled enactment of H.R. 8151, 94th Congress, a bill "To authorize the President of the United States to present in the name of Congress, a Medal to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, USAF (Retired)." The Secretary of Defense has delegated to the Department of the Air Force the responsibility for expressing the views of the Department of Defense.

The Department of the Air Force, on behalf of the Department of Defense, recommends that this bill be signed by the President. General Yeager contributed immeasurably to aerospace science by risking his life in piloting the XS-1 research airplane faster than the speed of sound on October 14, 1947, thus becoming the first person to break the sound barrier in a manned airplane. He is most deserving of the special medal which will provide recognition for his many contributions to his country.

H.R. 8151 would not cause a significant increase in the budgetary requirements of the Department of Defense.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank A. Shrontz".

FRANK A. SHRONTZ
Assistant Secretary of
the Air Force (I&L)

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

DEC 19 1975

Director, Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C. 20503

Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative
Reference

Sir:

Your office has asked for the views of this Department on the enrolled enactment of H.R. 8151, "To authorize the President of the United States to present in the name of Congress, a medal to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager."

The enrolled enactment would authorize the President to present, on behalf of the Congress, an appropriate silver medal to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, U.S. Air Force, for his contributions to aerospace science. The bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the medal to be struck. For the purpose of designing and manufacturing the medal, which would be equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, the bill would authorize the sum of \$5,500 to be appropriated. It would also authorize the Secretary to manufacture and sell to the general public bronze duplicates of the medal at a price sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture, including labor.

The Department anticipates no unusual administrative difficulties in carrying out its responsibilities under the enrolled enactment and would have no objection to a recommendation that it be approved by the President.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen S. Gardner

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 22 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 8151 - Brigadier General
Charles E. Yeager medal
Sponsor - Rep. Rousselot (R) California

Last Day for Action

December 29, 1975 - Monday

Purpose

To authorize the President to present a medal to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Defense	Approval
Department of the Treasury	No objection

Discussion

The enrolled bill authorizes the President to present, on behalf of the Congress, a silver medal, equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, United States Air Force. General Yeager risked his life in becoming the first person to break the sound barrier when he flew the XS-1 research airplane faster than the speed of sound on October 14, 1947.

H.R. 8151 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to cause an appropriate medal to be struck for presentation to the General. The Secretary of the Air Force would determine the design of such a medal, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the



To:
J. Conover
12-22-75
5:45 p.m.

Treasury. The enrolled bill authorizes \$5,500 for the production of this medal. It also authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to manufacture and sell to the general public bronze duplicates of the medal at a price sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture, including labor.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

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BRIG. GEN. CHARLES E. YEAGER, MEDAL

DECEMBER 16 (legislative day, DECEMBER 15), 1975.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. PROXMIRE, from the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8151]

The Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 8151) to authorize the President of the United States to present in the name of Congress a medal to Brig. Gen. Charles E. Yeager, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Introduced in the House of Representatives on June 23, 1975, H.R. 8151 was passed by the House on October 20, 1975. A total of nineteen similar bills honoring Brig. Gen. Charles E. Yeager were proposed in the House of Representatives. The House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing held hearings on H.R. 8151 on September 23, 1975 and reported the bill out, without amendment, shortly thereafter.

The bill would authorize the President to present a silver medal, equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, to Brig. Gen. Charles E. Yeager for his accomplishments with the XS-1 research airplane and for being the first man to fly an aircraft faster than the speed of sound. The legislation would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the medal to be struck and furnished to the President. The medal's emblems, devices and inscriptions are to be determined by the Secretary of the Air Force with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. For the purpose of designing and manufacturing this medal, the bill would authorize the sum of \$5,500 to be appropriated. It would also authorize the Secretary to manufacture and sell to the general public bronze duplicates of the medal at a price sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture. The facilities of the Bureau of the Mint would be utilized for the purpose of designing and striking this medal.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

The Department of the Treasury, which has no objection to the bill, submitted the following report to the Committee:

THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE TREASURY,
Washington, D.C., November 4, 1975.

Hon. WILLIAM PROXMIRE,
*Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for the views of this Department on H.R. 8151; a bill "to authorize the President of the United States to present, in the name of Congress, a medal to Brig. Gen. Charles E. Yeager.

H.R. 8151 would authorize the President to present, on behalf of the Congress, an appropriate silver medal to Brig. Gen. Charles E. Yeager, U.S. Air Force, for his contributions to aerospace science. The bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the medal to be struck. For the purpose of designing and manufacturing the medal, which would be equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, the bill would authorize the sum of \$5,500 to be appropriated. It would also authorize the Secretary to manufacture and sell to the general public bronze duplicates of the medal at a price sufficient to cover the cost of manufacture, including labor.

The Department has no comments to make on the merits of H.R. 8151. The facilities of the Bureau of the Mint would be made available for the purpose of designing and striking this medal. The appropriation of \$5,500, which would be authorized by the bill, would be sufficient to cover the cost of the medal, including the preparation of designs, models and master dies. The Department would have no objection to adding this medal to those regularly struck for sale to the public, as provided in section 2 of the bill.

The Department was advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there was no objection from the standpoint of the administration's program to the submission to the House Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing of an identical report on H.R. 8051, an identical bill.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT,
General Counsel.

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five*

An Act

To authorize the President of the United States to present in the name of Congress, a medal to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to present, on behalf of the Congress, to Brigadier General Charles E. Yeager, United States Air Force, an appropriate silver medal, equivalent to a noncombat Medal of Honor, for contributing immeasurably to aerospace science by risking his life in piloting the XS-1 research airplane faster than the speed of sound on October 14, 1947. For such purpose the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck a silver medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary of the Air Force subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$5,500 for this purpose.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be coined and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof (including labor), and the appropriations used in carrying out the provisions of this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sale.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

December 17, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 17th:

- ✓ H.R. 1535 ✓
- ✓ H.R. 5559 ✓
- ✓ H.R. 6851 ✓
- ✓ H.R. 6874 ✓
- ✓ H.R. 8151 ✓

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.