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*Policy —
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November 2, 1974

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

You were most thoughtful to ask that I be supplied with a medal in commemoration of the President's inauguration.

However, to avoid any possible appearance that acceptance of this gift is inconsistent with the standards of conduct applicable to me in my particular position, I am returning the item to you under separate cover.

I trust you will understand my reasons for this step.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Vice President
Franklin Mint Corporation
Franklin Center, Pennsylvania 19063



Tuesday 10/29/74

4:10 I had a call from Mildred Leonard asking who Dawn is -- Dawn had called (at the instruction of Mr. Lazarus) to ask Mildred where your Franklin Mint medal commemorating Mr. Ford's inauguration as President might be.

I told Mildred that we had received the medal, along with a copy of her acknowledgment to Mr. Fitzpatrick of the Franklin Mint, and that you had put it in your top drawer -- but to my knowledge you had not personally acknowledged it.



October 9, 1974

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receive!

Mr. Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Vice President
Franklin Mint Corporation
Franklin Center, Pennsylvania 19063

Dear Frank,

Thank you so much for sending me the three medals
commemorating Mr. Ford's inauguration as President.

These commemoratives are simply beautiful and I
deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness. I shall cherish
mine for many years to come.

As you requested, I have forwarded Bob Hartmann's
and Phil Buchan's medals to them.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Mildred Leonard
Personal Assistant to the President

MLget

bcc: Bob Hartmann
Phil Buchan



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FRANKLIN MINT CORPORATION
FRANKLIN CENTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19063

October 2, 1974

Miss Mildred Leonard
Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mildred:

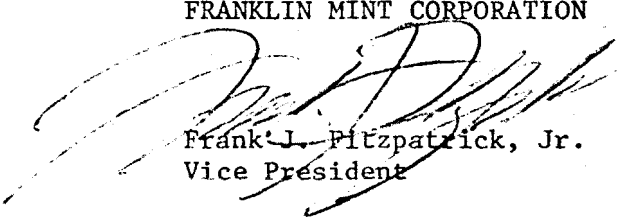
In accordance with my conversation with you, I am enclosing three sterling silver eyewitness medals of our good President, Gerald Ford. Your interest in passing them along to Bob Hartman and Phil Buchan will be deeply appreciated.

If I can be of any further assistance, do not hesitate to call me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN MINT CORPORATION



Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Vice President

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Sincerely,

William F. Krieg

William F. Krieg
Vice President
Collector Relations

WFK:lrt



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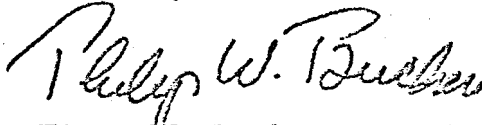
December 14, 1974

Dear Mr. Minshall:

On behalf of President and Mrs. Ford, I am pleased to provide the photographs you requested for Mr. Michael P. Syntax of Cleveland, Ohio.

Inasmuch as these photographs are considered to be within the public domain, any person is free to use them as he deems appropriate. While Mr. Syntax may therefore utilize them in connection with the Presidential and First Lady's Medal series, this is not in any way intended to be an endorsement by the President of this enterprise. I trust that you can understand the basis for this position.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable William E. Minshall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: Bill Timmons
Attn: Eloise Frayer

December 10, 1974

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your December 3 letter on behalf of Mr. Michael P. Syntax of Cleveland, Ohio, who has contacted you regarding photographs of the President and the First Lady to be included in the Presidential and First Ladies Medal produced by World Mint, Inc.

I will be pleased to ask that prompt consideration be given to this request. You should hear further at an early date.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

The Honorable William E. Minshall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to Barry Roth for DIRECT REPLY - ASAP to the
Congressman. Please furnish this office with copy of response.

WET:EF:VO:jlc



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 3, 1974

Mr. William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a request from Michael P. Syntax for photos of the President and Mrs. Ford. Would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give me in this matter.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

William E. Minshall
William E. Minshall
M. C.

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Congressman William E. Minshall
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Dear Bill:

In contacting your office here in Cleveland, I was told to write you in Washington regarding any request.

A couple of weeks ago I received from the Library of Congress 37 photos of our U.S. presidents and 52 photos of first ladies and White House hostesses. I sent them a check of \$232.50 to cover the cost of this order. They informed me, that they did not have a photo of President Gerald R. Ford and his wife Betty and this is my reason for writing to you, knowing that you are a very dear friend of the president.

I would like to have a photo of each to complete our Bicentennial design. I am enclosing our designs as they appear now with President George Washington and his wife Martha, but we must make the changes to bring it up to date. Therefore I must have the photos 8"x10" or 5"x7" as soon as possible. I would be more than willing to pay for such photos.

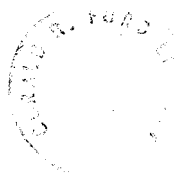
Bill, my wife a Republican committeewoman and myself thank you for the excellent representation of our district and the cooperation you gave me as a member of the school board and your retirement will be felt by many citizens of Maple Heights.

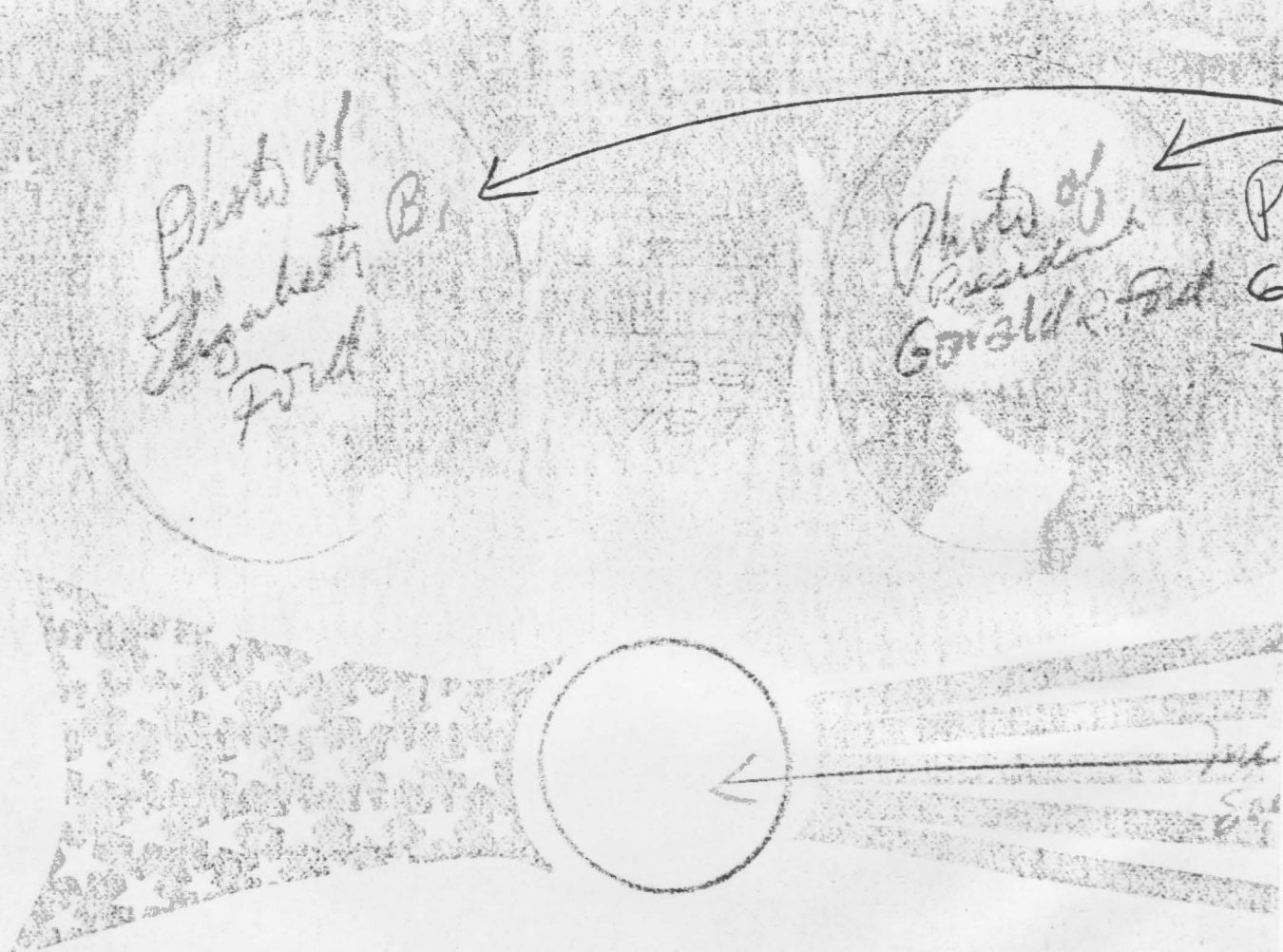
Your immediate attention to my request would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Syntax
Michael P. Syntax

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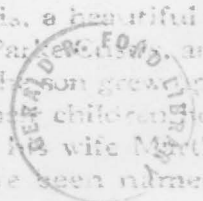
PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON & FIRST LADY MARTHA

George Washington, the first President and "Father of His Country," spent a lifetime in the service of America. Leader of all American military forces during the Revolution, he was courageous, scrupulously honest, and dedicated to the cause. He was unanimously chosen President by Congress in 1789 and took the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York City on April 30, 1789.

It would be pleasant to say that Washington was treated with respect during his Presidential administration. As a matter of fact, however, there were two political parties bitterly opposed to each other, and Washington himself was the object of many a venomous attack.

He was married in 1759 to Mrs. Martha Dandridge Custis, a beautiful young widow. They had no children, but Mrs. Custis had a son, John Parke Custis, and a daughter, Parley Custis. The daughter died in young womanhood; the son grew up and married, but he and his wife died young. Washington brought the children home to Mount Vernon and adopted them as his own. Washington and his wife Martha were much attached to each other. A geranium and a rose have been named for Martha Washington. Their coffins rest side by side at Mount Vernon.

Back ground of George R. Ford
and First Lady Betty

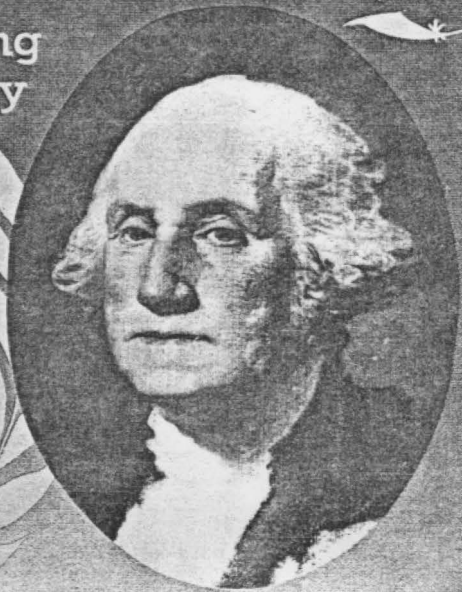


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of The Founding
of Our Country



GEORGE
& MARTHA
WASHINGTON
1789
1797



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January 13, 1976

*Pres
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MEMORANDUM FOR: WILLIAM NICHOLSON
THROUGH: PHILIP BUCHEN *P.*
FROM: KENNETH LAZARUS *KL*
SUBJECT: Presentation of Hudson Medal of the
American Society of International
Law to Myres McDougal at April 23
Dinner or in the Oval Office

Counsel's Office recommends against the President's attendance at the annual dinner of the American Society of International Law on the basis that the event is not so significant as to merit the President's personal participation. However, we would interpose no objection to the presentation of the Hudson Medal to Professor McDougal by the President at the White House in view of the fact that the President is a former student of the recipient.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ PHILIP BUCHEN
JEANNE DAVIS
JAMES CANNON

FROM:

WILLIAM NICHOLSON *WLN*

SUBJECT:

Presentation of Hudson Medal of
the American Society of International
Law to Myres McDougal at April 23 dinner
or in the Oval Office

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on the attached.

Thank you.



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RECORDING OFFICE

December 4, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

From time to time, since 1956, the American Society of International Law has presented a gold medal known as The Manley O. Hudson Medal to a distinguished person of American or other nationality who has contributed to the scholarship and achievement of his time in international law, comparable to the achievements of Judge Manley O. Hudson, who received the first medal.

On the recommendation of the Hudson Medal Committee, the Executive Council of the Society has designated Myres S. McDougal as the recipient for 1976. The gold medal is to be presented to Professor McDougal during our Annual Meeting, April 22-24, 1976, here in Washington.

It has seemed to us, Mr. President, in view both of your studies with Professor McDougal and the very kind letter which you were good enough to address to me in regard to the Society at the time of its last Annual Meeting, that it would not be presumptuous to ask whether you would present the medal to Professor McDougal. Traditionally, the President of the United States has sent us a message, as you did, during our Annual Meeting; perhaps, were you to accede to the suggestion that you make the presentation, you could join that message with your remarks to Professor McDougal.

We extend to you, Mr. President, a very cordial invitation to attend our Annual Dinner on the evening of Friday, April 23, at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Should that not be practicable, we would of course be gratified if arrangements could be made to make the presentation at the White House.

With all good wishes,

Respectfully yours,

Seymour J. Rubin
Seymour J. Rubin



FEBRUARY 6, 1976

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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ESTABLISHING THE DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States of America, and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, it is hereby ordered as follows:


Section 1. There is hereby established a Defense Superior Service Medal with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances for award by the Secretary of Defense to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has rendered superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a specified or unified command, a Defense agency, or such other joint activity as may be designated by the Secretary of Defense.

Sec. 2. The Defense Superior Service Medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense and shall be awarded under such regulations as he shall prescribe. These regulations shall place the Defense Superior Service Medal in an order of precedence after the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Silver Star Medal, but before the Legion of Merit.

Sec. 3. No more than one Defense Superior Service Medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding period of superior meritorious service justifying such an award, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with that Medal as prescribed by appropriate regulations of the Department of Defense.

Sec. 4. The Defense Superior Service Medal or device may be awarded posthumously, and when so awarded, may be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be deemed appropriate by the Secretary of Defense.

GERALD R. FORD



Date: February 26, 1976

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Phil Buchen

Douglas P. Bennett

Jim Cannon

Jim Lynn

Bob Hartmann

Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, March 1 Time: 10 A. M.

SUBJECT:

Memorandum from Secretary Kissinger &
Secretary Mathews re: Nomination of Julia
Vadala Taft for Distinguished Federal
Civilian Service

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Counsel's Office concurs in the recommendation.

Ken Lazarus for Phil Buchen 3/1/76

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

James E. Connor
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1976

To: Mr. Buchen

From: Barry Roth

I recommend approval but would
leave it to the media experts
here how the event should be
handled.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY

THROUGH: PHIL BUCHEN *P.W.B.*
JACK MARSH

SUBJECT: JULIA TAFT PROPOSED AWARD

I would like to arrange an awards ceremony with representatives from the inter-departmental task force and the members of the White House Staff who supported Julia in this effort.

She earned an award at this level for the unique accomplishments of doing this job with a minimum of adverse publicity or Congressional complication.

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_____ DISAPPROVE

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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

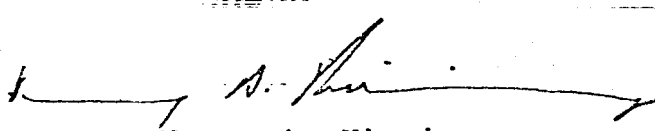
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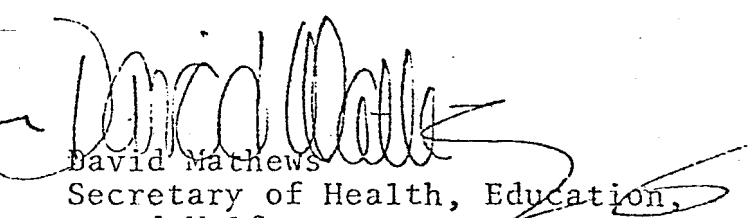
MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination of Julia Vadala Taft for the
President's Award for Distinguished Federal
Civilian Service

Mrs. Julia Vadala Taft served from May 1975 through December 1975 as Director of the Interagency Task Force for Indochina Refugees. As a result of her outstanding abilities, this program has been concluded with the successful resettlement into American society of 130,000 Indochina refugees. The demands of this Presidentially mandated mission and the challenging complexity of the resettlement process have been superbly managed and successfully resolved by this highly dedicated and talented young woman. The attached documentation outlines her specific accomplishments.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your favorable consideration of our nomination of Julia Vadala Taft for the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service.


Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State


David Mathews
Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: January 7, 1977

Time:

FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

Phil Buchen Jack Marsh
 Jim Cannon Max Friedersdorf
 Bob Hartmann Brent Scowcroft
 Jim Lynn Bill Seidman
 FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, January 10, 1977

Time: 10:00 A.M.

SUBJECT: Memorandum for the President, 1/7/77 re
 1976 Report of the President's Committee on the
 National Medal of Science and Proposal for Award
 to Dr. Wernher von Braun.

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations
 Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply
 For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Because of Dr. von Braun's condition would appreciate prompt response.

I concur in Guyford Stever's recommendation.

P. W. B.

Philip W. Buchen
 Counsel to the President

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jim Connor
 For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JAN 7 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECTS: 1976 Report of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science and Proposal for Award to Dr. Wernher von Braun

There is transmitted herewith the 1976 report of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (TAB A). The Committee recommends the award, for 1976, of the Medal to fifteen outstanding scientists and engineers (TAB B). Each of these candidates has made truly exceptional contributions to science and engineering. The award of the Medal to these nominees would enhance the prestige of the Medal and honor a distinguished group of Americans in the best tradition of this award.

The Committee urges that all fifteen awards be given. However, if a smaller number of scientists and engineers should be honored in 1976, the Committee, based on its deliberations, has rank-ordered the list to assist in the final selection.

In two White House ceremonies - in September 1975 and October 1976 - you awarded the National Medal of Science to twenty-eight scientists and engineers. Through the awards made on these two occasions you have established your strong personal interest in the National Medal of Science. Because of your accomplishments in this area, it would be my recommendation that the final decisions on the 1976 nominations and the arrangements for the award ceremony be deferred until the next Administration. This would provide President-elect Carter an opportunity for a public occasion early in his Administration to address science and engineering and their important contributions in the continuing development of our national strength and well-being.

However, if you would like to take action on these 1976 recommendations of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, I will provide specific comments and recommendations for you on the priority listing found at TAB A.

There is one proposal for an award that I would like to bring to your attention for possible action during your Administration: an award of the National Medal of Science to space expert Wernher von Braun. As I believe you are aware, Dr. von Braun is now gravely ill with a life expectancy of only a few months at best. Although he has received many honors and awards including the Distinguished Federal Civilian Service

Award, which was presented by President Eisenhower in 1959, Dr. von Braun has not received the Nation's highest science and engineering award. He has been nominated for the National Medal of Science on several occasions and was recommended for an award by the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science in 1970. No action was taken by former President Nixon.

Both NASA Administrator Jim Fletcher and I believe that it would be desirable to recognize Dr. von Braun's contribution to the Nation's space program. We believe that the National Medal of Science is the appropriate honor. I have discussed this potential action with the Medal of Science Committee Chairman Dr. Nathan Newmark and polled the Committee members by telephone. The Committee Chairman and members endorse this proposal, many enthusiastically, although two tended to focus on his early work on World War II rockets, the V-2, and were not enthusiastic. A career summary and possible award citation is attached (TAB C).

If you concur in this award, to Dr. von Braun, I will make the appropriate arrangements for an announcement and an award ceremony. I expect that the award would be a low key event at the Alexandria, Virginia Hospital with only Dr. von Braun's family, one or two NASA officials, and a few others present.

Concerning the acceptability of the award to the science community and public, I should point out that while most scientists and engineers support von Braun's pivotal contributions in space flight, there are a few who concentrate their attention on his German years. In the Nation more generally there would be similar divisions. Many or most would recall the work at the Redstone Arsenal and White Sands, the dramatic U. S. space recovery following our "sputnik shock", a recovery directly attributable to von Braun and his team, and the Apollo program. Some citizens would focus on the German years exclusively. On balance, I recommend the award.

/s/ H. Guyford Stever

H. Guyford Stever
Science and Technology Adviser

Attachments:

- TAB A: 1976 Report of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science
- TAB B: Summary Listing of 1976 Nominees with Citations
- TAB C: Career Summary and Citation, Dr. Wernher von Braun
- TAB D: Biography of Wernher von Braun

cc:

- Mr. Jim Cannon
- Dr. James Connor ✓

DECISIONS:

A. Report of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

.Refer the 1976 report of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science to President-elect Carter. The Science and Technology Adviser will prepare necessary transitional documentation. (Science and Technology Adviser's recommendation.)

.Award of the National Medal of Science to the 15 nominees as recommended by the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (TAB B).

.Award of the National Medal of Science to a limited number from the Committee's 1976 recommendations. Science and Technology Adviser Stever will make recommendations to the President for the awards.

B. Award of the National Medal of Science to Dr. Wernher von Braun.

.Award of the Medal to Dr. Wernher von Braun during the Ford Administration.

Concur

Do Not Concur

.Award ceremony at the Alexandria Virginia Hospital.

President would participate if schedule permits.

President desires to have Medal presented by Vice President Rockefeller or Science and Technology Adviser Stever.

