

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Greg Schneiders *GS*

SUBJECT: The Presidential Medal of Freedom

I am interested in obtaining staff recommendations of individuals deserving of The Presidential Medal of Freedom.

This award is traditionally presented on or around the 4th of July and is awarded to individuals who have "made an especially meritorious contribution on (1) the security of national interest of the United States, or (2) world peace, or (3) cultural or other significant public or private endeavors." The Medal may be awarded posthumously.

I would like to have your considered suggestions by June 30. Obviously due to the President's foreign travel schedule the announcement of recipients will not be made until some time during the 2nd week in July.

Attached is a list of all previous recipients.

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THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Presented by
President Truman

CHARMAN, William H. 1/26/46
 HOME, George L. 2/18/46
 JACKSON, Gordon Thorpe 1/26/46
 MAZZARINI, Richard 2/18/46
 POULTER, Pierre A., Father 1/26/46
 PULSTON, Dennis 2/18/46
 SUN, Chen 2/18/46
 WEST, Norman H. 1/26/46
 WHEELER, William M., Jr. 2/18/46

Presented by
President Eisenhower

ANDERSON, Robert B. 8/3/55
 DOUGLAS, James H. 1/18/61
 DILLIS, John Foster 5/19/59
 GALARD-TERRAUBE, Mademoiselle Genevieve de 6/19/54
 GATES, Thomas S. 1/18/61
 GRAY, Gordon 1/18/61
 HERTER, Christian A. 1/18/61
 KISILIAKOWSKY, George Bogdan 1/18/61
 McELROY, Neil 12/1/59
 QUARLES, Donald A. 7/9/59
 STRAUSS, Lewis L. 7/14/58
 VON NEUMANN, Dr. John 2/15/56
 WILSON, Charles E. 10/9/57

Presented by
President Kennedy

SPARK, Paul-Henri 2/21/61

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Presented by
President Johnson

ACHESON, Dean G. 9/14/64
 ANDERSON, Warren 12/6/63
 BLACK, Eugene R. 1/20/69
 BRONK, Delev W. 9/14/64
 BUNCHE, Ralph D. 12/6/63
 BUNDY, McGeorge 1/20/69
 BUNKER, Ellsworth 12/6/63, 2/6/68

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CASALS, Pablo	12/6/63	
CAULFIELD, Genevieve	12/6/63	
CLIFFORD, Clark	1/20/69	
CONANT, James B.	12/6/63	
COPELAND, Aaron	9/14/64	
DeBAKEY, Dr. Michael E.	1/20/69	
deKOOONING, Willem	9/14/64	
DISNEY, Walter	9/14/64	
DOBIE, J. Frank	9/14/64	
DUBINSKY, David	1/20/69	
EDWARDS, Lena F.	9/14/64	
ELIOT, Thomas Stearns	9/14/64	
ELLISON, Ralph	1/20/69	
ENDERS, John F.	12/6/63	
FONTANNE, Lynn	9/14/64	
FORD, Henry, II	1/20/69	
FRANKFURTER, Felix	12/6/63	
GARDNER, John W.	9/14/64	
HARRIMAN, W. Averell	1/20/69	
HESBURGH, Theodore M.	9/14/64	
HOLTON, Karl	12/6/63	
HOPE, Bob	1/20/69	
JOHNSON, Clarence L.	9/14/64	
KAISER, Edgar F.	1/20/69	
KAPPEL, Frederick	9/14/64	
KELLER, Helen	9/14/64	
KENNEDY, John Fitzgerald	12/6/63	(posthumously)
KIPHUTH, Robert J.	12/6/63	
KOMER, Robert W.	7/6/68	
LASKER, Mary	1/20/69	
LEHMAN, Herbert H. (Governor)	12/6/63	(posthumously)
LEWIS, John L.	9/14/64	
LIPPMANN, Walter	9/14/64	
LOCKE, Eugene Murphy	2/7/68	
LOVETT, Robert A.	12/6/63	
LUNT, Alfred	9/14/64	
McCLOY, John J.	12/6/63	
McGILL, Ralph	9/14/64	
McNAMARA, Robert S.	28/28/68	
MacDONALD, J. Clifford	12/6/63	(posthumously)
MACY, John W., Jr.	1/20/69	
MERNY, George	12/6/63	
MEIKLEJOHN, Alexander	12/6/63	
MONNET, Jean	12/6/63	
MORISON, Samuel Eliot	9/14/64	

MUMFORD, Lewis	9/14/64	
MUNOZ-MARIN, Luis	12/6/63	
MURROW, Edward R.	9/14/64	
NIEBUHR, Reinhold	9/14/64	
PECK, Gregory	1/20/69	
POPE JOHN XXIII, His Holiness	12/6/63	(Posthumously)
PRICE, Leontyne	9/14/64	
RANDALL, Clarence B.	12/6/63	
RANDOLPH, A. Philip	9/14/64	
ROCKEFELLER, Laurance S.	1/20/69	
ROSTOW, Walt Whitman	1/20/69	
RUSK, Dean	1/16/69	
SANDBURG, Carl	9/14/64	
SERKIN, Rudolf	12/6/63	
SMITH, Merriman	1/20/69	
STEICHEN, Edward	12/6/63	
STEINBECK, John	9/14/64	
TAUSSIG, Helen B.	9/14/64	
TAYLOR, George W.	12/6/63	
VANCE, Cyrus R.	1/20/69	
VAN DER ROHE, Ludwig Mies	12/6/63	
VINSON, Carl	9/14/64	
WATERMAN, Alan T.	12/6/63	
WATSON, Mark S.	12/6/63	
WATSON, Thomas J., Jr.	9/14/64	
WAUNEKA, Annie D.	12/6/63	
WEBB, James E.	12/9/68	
WHITE, E. B.	12/6/63	
WHITE, Paul Dudley	9/14/64	
WHITE, William S.	1/20/69	
WILDER, Thornton N.	12/6/63	
WILKINS, Roy	1/20/69	
WILSON, Edmund	12/6/63	
WYETH, Andrew	12/6/63	
YOUNG, Whitney M., Jr.	1/20/69	

Presented by
President Nixon

ALDRIN, Edwin E.,	8/13/69	
APOLLO 13 Mission Operations		
Team	4/18/70	
ARMSTRONG, Neil A.	8/13/69	
BEHRENS, Earl Charles	4/22/70	
BROSIO, Manlio	9/29/71	
COLLINS, Michael	8/13/69	
ELLINGTON, Edward Kennedy	4/29/69	
FOLLIARD, Edward T.	4/22/70	
FORD, John	3/31/73	
GOLDWYN, Samuel	3/27/71	

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HAISE, Fred Wallace., Jr.	4/18/70	
HENRY, William M.	4/22/70	(posthumously)
HOFFMAN, Paul G.	6/21/74	
HOPKINS, William J.	6/2/71	
KROCK, Arthur	4/22/70	
LAIRD, Melvin R.	3/26/74	
LAWRENCE, David	4/22/70	
LINCOLN, George Gould	4/22/70	
LOVELL, James A., Jr.	4/18/70	
LOWMAN, Dr. Charles LeRoy	7/27/74	
MOLEY, Raymond	4/22/70	
ORMANDY, Eugene	1/24/70	
POGERS, William P.	10/15/73	
ST. JOHNS, Acela Rogers	4/22/70	
SWIGERT, John Leonard, Jr.	4/13/70	
VANN, John Paul	6/16/72	(posthumously)
WALLACE, Dewitt and Lila	1/28/72	

Presented by
President Ford

ABEL, I. W.	1/10/77	
BARDEEN, John	1/10/77	
BERLIN, Irving	1/10/77	
BORLAUG, Norman	1/10/77	
BRADLEY, General Omar N.	1/10/77	
BRUCE, David K. E. (with distinction)	2/10/76	
BURKE, Admiral Arleigh	1/10/77	
CALDER, Alexander	1/10/77	(posthumously)
CATTON, Bruce	1/10/77	
DIMAGGIO, Joe	1/10/77	
DURANT, Ariel	1/10/77	
DURANT, Will	1/10/77	
FIEDLER, Arthur	1/10/77	
FRIENDLY, Judge Henry J.	1/10/77	
GRAHAM, Martha (with distinction)	10/14/76	
JOHNSON, Lady Bird	1/10/77	
KISSINGER, Henry A.	1/13/77	
MacLEISH, Archibald	1/10/77	
MICHENER, James Albert	1/10/77	
O'KEEFE, Georgia	1/10/77	
OWENS, Jesse	8/5/76	
ROCKEFELLER, Nelson A.	1/10/77	
ROCKWELL, Norman	1/10/77	
RUBINSTEIN, Arthur (with distinction)	4/1/76	
RUMSFELD, Donald H.	1/19/77	
SHOUSE, Katherine Filene	1/10/77	
THOMAS, Lowell	1/10/77	
WATSON, James, D.	1/10/77	

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Presented by
President Carter

KING, Martin Luther	7/17/77	(posthumously)
SALK, Jonas	7/11/77	
GOLDBERG, Arthur	7/78	
MEAD, Margaret	1/79	