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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

FROM: EDWIN MEESE III
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Thank you for your cooperation.

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