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*Phone Calls to  
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Exec Sec Office has diskette \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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May 1, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

THROUGH: ROBERT BELL *tab*

FROM: BETSY PIMENTEL *BP*

SUBJECT: Recommended Telephone Call to Family Members of  
Released POWs

At Tab I is a Telephone Call request for the President that sets the scene for the President's call to family members of the three servicemen upon their release from captivity.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the request at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Recommended Telephone Call for the President  
Tab A Suggested Talking Points

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Mr. and Mrs. James Stone  
(father and step-mother of  
Sergeant Stone)  
(810) 334-4603

Mrs. Vivian Ramirez (mother of  
Sergeant Ramirez)  
(626) 962-6560  
(714) 883-5609

DATE: May 2, 1999

RECOMMENDED BY: SAMUEL R. BERGER

PURPOSE: To call the families of each of  
the recently released  
servicemen and express your  
thankfulness for their freedom.

BACKGROUND: The timeline for the release of  
our servicemen from Serbian  
control begins about 11:30 p.m.  
EDT this evening when they are  
scheduled for release to  
Reverend Jackson's party. They  
will then travel overland to  
the Croatian border, which will  
take about three hours. They  
will be met by the US envoy to  
Croatia, Ambassador William  
Montgomery and the U.S. Defense  
Attache. Travel to Zagreb will  
take three hours. From Zagreb  
they will have a three hour  
flight in a USAF C-9 to  
Ramstein, during which they  
will have an initial medical

examination. Once at Ramstein they will be taken via motorcade to Landstuhl Army Medical Center, arriving about 9:00 a.m. EDT. You will be calling the families after their loved ones have just been admitted to the hospital.

Phone calls to the wife of Staff Sergeant Stone and the parents of Specialist Gonzales will not be possible because they will already be on their way to Germany on Sunday morning.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Talking Points at Tab A

CONTACT PERSON AND  
TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Betsy Pimentel, 6-9191

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

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Attachments

Tab A      Talking Points

POINTS TO BE MADE FOR  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH  
FAMILY MEMBERS OF RELEASED SERVICEMEN

- Wanted to call and let you know how gratified Hillary and I are that your son/husband has been released from captivity and is now safely in the care of the Army medical personnel at Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Germany.
- I am sure you have been glued to the CNN reports, and I know the Army is keeping you well informed of his progress.
- He's had a long journey today to get from Belgrade all the way to Germany, but he's free and safe now.
- I know you are anxious to be reunited with them, and I understand the Army has arranged flights for you this afternoon that will get you to Germany tomorrow.
- **If asked:**

**Q: How soon will they be released from the hospital?**

A: I can't say. It will depend on the doctor's assessment of their condition.

**Q: Once they are released, where will they be sent?**

A: Representatives from their battalion at Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany, will be with them in Germany and they will determine how and when to get them reunited with their home base back in Germany.

**Q: Will they be given time off to come home?**

A: I'm sure that convalescent leave can be arranged by the Army after they have been cleared by the doctors and debriefed.

**Q: Should we still plan to be in Washington on Thursday for the events that had been originally planned there?**

A: I know your first priority is to spend time with your loved ones in Germany. I'd just talk to your Casualty Assistance Officer and they can handle the Thursday event.

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COL. BROWN -

PER COL. RICE'S INSTRUCTIONS,  
PLEASE DRAFT TOTUS LETTER  
TO POUILLIOT.

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WHEN WE GET A PACKAGE  
ON THE POUILLIOT LETTER, WE'LL  
RESPOND TO IT. THUS FAR,  
ALL WE HAVE IS THE  
GODDAM HEADS-UP, HENCE  
THIS NOTE POUILLIOT LETTER  
HASN'T ARRIVED YET.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Mrs. Tricia Stone (wife of  
Staff Sergeant Christopher  
Stone)  
(210) 384-0038

Mr. and Mrs. James Stone  
(father and step-mother of  
Sergeant Stone)  
(810) 334-4603

Mr. Andrew Ramirez (father of  
Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez)  
(323) 724-3788

Mrs. Vivian Ramirez (mother of  
Sergeant Ramirez)  
(626) 962-6560 (714) 883-5609

Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Rosie  
Gonzales (parents of Specialist  
Steven Gonzales)  
(409) 435-0468

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*Per Betsy P. Calls to the wife of SS store of parents Specialist Gonzalez are not scheduled because they will be traveling to meet their family members.*

*Family Landstuhl Call not happening*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Herschel:

Thank you for your good note forwarding the VFW press release and the news that this influential veterans organization now officially supports the administration's policy in Kosovo. This is especially important given ~~the influence~~ the VFW's ~~possesses~~ nationwide *influence*.

In the wake of ~~this weekend's~~ *the* highly successful NATO Summit, I am optimistic that our renewed military and diplomatic strategies will facilitate a path to a negotiated settlement.

Again, thanks for bringing this good news story to my and the President's attention.

Sincerely,

Samuel R. Berger  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

The Honorable Herschel Gobel  
Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Washington, D.C. 20420

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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