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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: PHIL CAPLAN *Phil*

SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom meeting

There will be a meeting tomorrow, September 10, at 10:30 AM (change from 10:00) in Room 180 OEOB, to begin discussing candidates to recommend to the President for the 1998 "class" of Medal of Freedom recipients.

This is the highest civilian award the President can bestow and the awardees should be people of high distinction. During this Administration, the common thread that has run through the recipients has been service to others; and we have looked to many fields for people who embody this ideal -- business, entertainment and the arts, law, academic, government, the military, sports, non-profits, philanthropy, labor, science, medicine, journalism and religion.

I have attached two lists: 1) a very preliminary list of names for this year made up of names culled from nominations we have received from the outside, and some other ideas (please note that this list includes several names the President has already decided should get the medal this year); and 2) previous medal winners for the past six years.

We have a high degree of discretion in making recommendations to the President and are looking for creative ideas -- diverse candidates in particular. Thanks.

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**1998 - Medal of Freedom**

**President Carter**

**President Ford**

**George Mitchell**

**Lloyd Bentsen**

**Carl Sagan (posthumously)**

**Senator John Glenn (post Shuttle flight?)**

**Daisy Bates - civil rights, mentoring/organizing the Little Rock Nine**

**Walter Bergman - civil rights work, Freedom Rider**

**Robert Moses - civil rights, SNCC, Freedom Rider, voting rights**

**Max Kampelman - arms control, government service**

**Robert Bernstein - human rights, founded Human Rights Watch, one-time head of Random House**

**Edgar Bronfman, Sr. - President of the World Jewish Congress since 1980, anti-semitism, leader of Holocaust assets recovery movement**

**David Brower - former head of Sierra Club and founder and current co-director of the Earth Island Institute, Brower successfully fought to keep dams out of the Grand Canyon and played a key role in establishing a national wilderness system.**

**Chrissie Collins - created Medic Alert (large letter writing campaign)**

**LaDonna Harris - Native American's and women's rights**

**Dolores Huerta - Co-founder, with Cesar Chavez, of the United Farm Workers of America**

**Kenneth Jernigan - principal leader of the National Federation of the Blind for more than 35 years. During his tenure, the organization has expanded from 7 states to 50 states and has worked to ensure equal rights for blind Americans.**

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM  
PRESENTED BY  
President Clinton

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FARMER, James	
civil rights leader, formed Congress of Racial Equality	
FULBRIGHT, J. William	05/05/93
Public Servant, former U.S. Senator and Member, U.S. House of Representatives from Arkansas, longtime Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, founder of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Program	
ASHE, Arthur, Jr. (POSTHUMOUSLY)	06/20/93
Athlete, former Professional Tennis Player, Philanthropist, Author	
POWELL, General Colin L., USA (WITH DISTINCTION)	09/30/93
Military Officer, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Persian Gulf, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs	
RAYE, Martha	11/15/93
Entertainer, Humanitarian	
BRENNAN, William J., Jr.	11/30/93
Public Servant, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	
DOUGLAS, Marjory Stoneman	11/30/93
Conservationist, led early crusade to preserve and restore the Florida Everglades	
MARSHALL, Thurgood (POSTHUMOUSLY)	11/30/93
Public Servant, Attorney, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Solicitor General of the United States, United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, first African American to sit on the Supreme Court	
RAUH, Joseph L., Jr. (POSTHUMOUSLY)	11/30/93
Lawyer, Civil Rights and labor activist; former Counsel, United Auto Workers; General Counsel, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights	
WISDOM, John Minor	11/30/93
Public Servant, former United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit	
BLOCK, Herbert	08/08/94
Political Cartoonist	
CHAVEZ, Cesar E. (POSTHUMOUSLY)	08/08/94
Union Leader, United Farm Workers of America	
FLEMMING, Arthur	08/08/94
Public Servant, former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Chairman of the Commission on Civil Rights	
GRANT, James	08/08/94
Executive Director of UNICEF	
HEIGHT, Dorothy Irene	08/08/94
Civil Rights, Women's Rights Advocate	
JORDAN, Barbara	08/08/94
Public Servant, Educator, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas	
KIRKLAND, Joseph Lane	08/08/94
Labor Leader, President AFL-CIO	
MICHEL, Robert H.	08/08/94
Public Servant, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois, Republican Leader	

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SHRIVER, Robert Sargent Public Servant, former Director of the Peace Corps	08/08/94
CHARREN, Peggy Founder of Action for Children's Television	09/29/95
COLEMAN, William Thaddeus, Jr. Public Servant, former Secretary of Transportation, Chairman of the Board of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund	09/29/95
COONEY, Joan Ganz Creator of Children's Television Workshop, creator of SESAME STREET	09/29/95
FRANKLIN, John Hope Historian, chronicled the history of African Americans in the South	09/29/95
HIGGINBOTHAM, A. Leon, Jr. Public Servant, former U.S. Circuit Judge for the 3rd Circuit, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Academic, Civil Rights attorney	09/29/95
JOHNSON, Frank M., Jr. Public Servant, former U.S. Circuit Judge for the 5th Circuit, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, helped to dismantle segregation, protected the rights of the mentally ill and imprisoned	09/29/95
KOOP, C. Everett Public Servant, Physican, former Surgeon General of the Public Health Service	09/29/95
NELSON, Gaylord A. Public Servant, former U. S. Senator, Governor, and State Legislator from Wisconsin, advocate for the environment, creator of Earth Day	09/29/95
REUTHER, Walter P. (POSTHUMOUSLY) Labor activist, former President, United Auto Workers	09/29/95
ROUSE, James W. Urban planner, designer of Columbia, Maryland, Boston's Faneuil Hall, Baltimore's Inner Harbor	09/29/95
VELASQUEZ, William C. (POSTHUMOUSLY) Founder of Southwest Voter Registration Education Project	09/29/95
WASSERMAN, Lew R. Philanthropist, advocate for the blind and visually impaired	09/29/95
BERNARDIN, Joseph Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago Diocese, champion of racial equality and arms control	09/09/96
BRADY, James Scott Public Servant, former Assistant to the President and Press Secretary, wounded in assasination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, gun control advocate	09/09/96
FULLER, Millard D. Founder and President of Habitat for Humanity, nonprofit provider of low cost housing	09/09/96
HAMBURG, David Alan Physician, Scientist, Educator, child development specialist, former President of Carnegie Foundation	09/09/96
JOHNSON, John H. Founder and CEO of Johnson Publishing, founder of EBONY and JET magazines	09/09/96

LANG, Eugene M. Philanthropist, founder of "I Have a Dream Foundation", provided financial assistance for education to underprivileged youth	09/09/96
NOWAK-JEZIORANSKI, Jan Member of the Polish underground during WWII, former director of Radio Free Europe's Polish Service, former National Director of Polish-American Congress	09/09/96
PANTOJA, Antonia Educator, Philanthropist, advocate for community restoration and development, founder of ASPIRA	09/09/96
SAGAN, Ginetta Human Rights advocate, founder of the U. S. West Coast Chapter of Amnesty International	09/09/96
UDALL, Morris Public Servant, former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona, environmental advocate	09/09/96
PARKS, Rosa L. Civil Rights pioneer	09/14/96
PERRY, William J. Public Servant, Secretary of Defense	01/14/97
DOLE, Robert J. Public Servant, Soldier, Statesman, former U.S. Senator from Kansas, longest serving Republican Leader	01/17/97
Shalikashvili, General John M., USA	09/30/97
ARONSON, Arnold civil rights leader, co-founder of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights	01/15/98
ASTOR, Brooke Russell philanthropist	01/15/98
COLES, Robert Harvard psychiatrist who explores children's relationship with their world	01/15/98
DART, Jr., Justin Considered the father of Americans with Disabilities Act.	01/15/98
HESSELBEIN, Frances non-profit organization expert,	01/15/98
KOREMATSU, Fred T. Challenged WWII civilian exclusion orders and became a civil rights leader	01/15/98
LINOWITZ, Sol founder of International Executive Service Corps.	01/15/98
MANKILLER, Wilma P. First chief of an Indian tribe and worked to better the lives of other Cherokee Indians.	01/15/98
MURIE, Margaret E. Environmental activist who was instrumental in the passage of landmark environmental legislation.	01/15/98
OBLEDO, Mario G. Co-founder of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.	01/15/98
RICHARDSON, Elliot L. Served in four different U.S. cabinet positions	01/15/98
ROCKEFELLER, David Co-founder of International Executive Service Corps.	01/15/98
SHANKER, Albert Worked to change radically how schools and teachers' unions do business.	01/15/98
ZUMWALT, Jr., Admiral Elmo R. Naval veteran who issued directives to end discrimination in the Navy.	01/15/98