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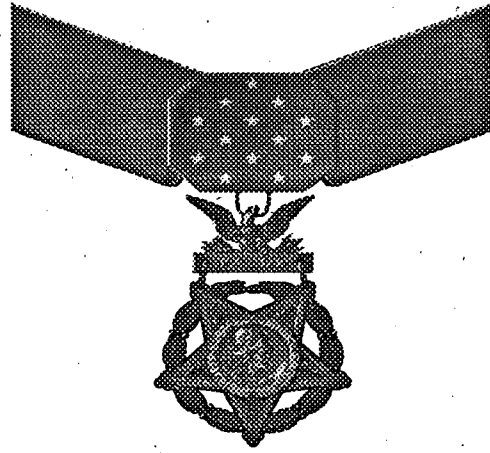
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MEDAL OF HONOR
RECOMMENDATION
ON
(THEN) CAPTAIN
ED W. FREEMAN
FOR HEROIC ACTIONS IN VIETNAM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 2000

00 SEP 26 AM 11:12

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: JOSEPH J. SIMMONS IV 
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
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SUBJECT: Medal of Honor Recommendation in the Case of
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Recommendation

That you sign the accompanying certificate and citation where annotated.

Attachments



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000



AUG 8 2000

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20318-9999

CM-707-99
13 September 1999

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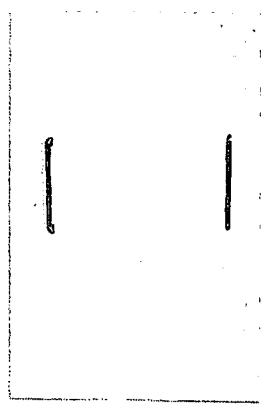
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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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September 30, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: SECRETARY OF THE ARMY *Calder*

Prepared by: (SFC CLAYTOR, TAPC-PDO-PA, 325-4764)

SUBJECT: Award of the Medal of Honor to (then) Captain Ed W. Freeman --
ACTION MEMORANDUM

PURPOSE: To recommend that the Medal of Honor be awarded to (then)
Captain Ed W. Freeman

DISCUSSION: Title 10, United States Code, Section 1130, directs that, upon request of a Member of Congress, the Secretary shall review a proposal for the award or presentation of a decoration (or the upgrading of a decoration) that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to time limitations established by law or policy. In accordance with the provisions of DOD Directive 1348.33 of September 1996, the enclosed Medal of Honor recommendation is forwarded for your recommendation, supporting documents are at TAB 1.

COORDINATION: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, concurrence is at TAB 2.

RECOMMENDATION: That the recommendation be approved for forwarding to the President of the United States.

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APPROVED: _____

DISAPPROVED: _____

OTHER: _____





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WASHINGTON

August 30, 1999

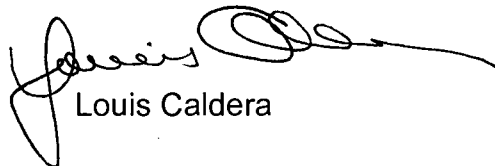
MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Award of the Medal of Honor to Then-Captain Ed W. Freeman

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1130, directs that upon request of a Member of Congress, the Secretary concerned shall review a proposal for the award or presentation of a decoration (or the upgrading of a decoration), either for an individual or a unit, that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to time limitations established by law or policy for timely submission of a recommendation for such award or presentation.

The enclosed award recommendation pertaining to Captain Freeman was submitted pursuant to 10 U.S.C 1130. The Chief of Staff and I have determined that Captain Freeman's actions merit the award of the Medal of Honor.

To comply with Department of Defense Directive 1348.33-M, I request that you review the enclosed recommendation and provide your endorsement or comments to include in my submission to the Secretary of Defense.


Louis Caldera

Enclosure

Copy Furnished:
Chief of Staff, Army





SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1999

Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1103

Dear Senator McCain:

This letter is in response to a requirement established by Title 10, United States Code, Section 1130, Consideration of Military Decorations Not Previously Submitted in Timely Fashion. This provision directs that, upon request of a Member of Congress, the Secretary shall review a proposal for the award or presentation of a decoration (or upgrading of a decoration), that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to limitations established by law or policy. Based upon such review, the Secretary shall make a determination as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration and the other determinations necessary to comply with the provisions contained in the section.

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A similar letter has been sent to the chairman and ranking minority member of both the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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Honorable Ike Skelton
Senior Minority Member
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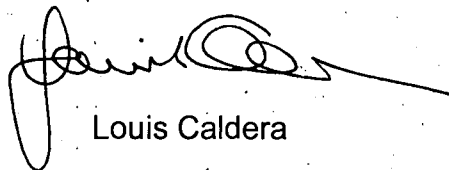
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