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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

19 December 1977

TO: THE PRESIDENT *Rick*  
FROM: RICK HUTCHESON  
SUBJECT: Memos Not Submitted

1. SECRETARY KREPS MEMO recommending that you award the Presidential Citizens Medal to Mr. Darrell Dean, Civil Defense Director for Wise County, Virginia and to Mr. Robert Hubbard, Flood Coordinator for Williamson, West Virginia, "for their heroic actions during the Appalachian flood of April, 1977." Their early identification of the developing flood threat, and decisive action to warn people in their communities helped keep the loss of life and property to a minimum.

Lipshutz concurs with Kreps. However, Schneiders and Congressional Liaison recommend that the Presidential Citizens Medal be phased out. Greg states, "this Administration has not yet awarded the President's Citizen Medal to anyone. Once we make such an award there will inevitably be pressure to award others. Unless the President is interested in reactivating this program and making regular awards I think we should avoid making any." No other staff comments received.

give awards       discontinue Presidential  
Citizens Medal

give me Kreps memo

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

2/2/79  
still no action

Hold per DF 1/3/79  
des Frances

OK w/ Frances  
out to 1/11  
2/14 - stay 1P  
2/21 - stay 1P  
(P=1/11)

1/13 - still hold - will call hal -  
Mon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: December 16, 1977

MEMORANDUM

**FOR ACTION:**

Midge Costanza *nc*  
Stu Eizenstat  
Bob Lipshutz *concur*  
Jack Watson *nc by phone*  
Greg Schneiders *initial*

**FOR INFORMATION:**

The Vice President

**FROM:** Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Kreps memo dated 12/15/77 re. Recommendation of D.F. Dean and R.H. Hubbard for Presidential Citizens Medal

**YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED  
TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:**

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon

**DAY:** Monday

**DATE:** December 19, 1977

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Your comments

Other:

**STAFF RESPONSE:**

I concur.

No comment.

*Please note other comments below:*

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If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately. (Telephone, 7052)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: December 19, 1977

MEMORANDUM

FOR ACTION:

Frank Moore (Les Francis)

*recommends  
don't give out*

FOR INFORMATION:

FROM: Rick Hutcheson, Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Kreps memo dated 12/15/77 re Recommendation of  
D.F. Dean and R.H. Hubbard for Presidential  
Citizens Medal

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE DELIVERED  
TO THE STAFF SECRETARY BY:

TIME: 12:00 Noon

DAY: Tuesday

DATE: December 20, 1977

ACTION REQUESTED:

Your comments

Other:

STAFF RESPONSE:

I concur.

No comment.

*Please note other comments below:*

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ACTION

DEC 15 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Citizens Medal E.O. 11494,  
November 13, 1969

I recommend that Mr. Darrell F. Dean, Jr., Civil Defense Director, Wise County, Virginia, and Mr. Robert H. Hubbard, Flood Coordinator, Tug Fork Valley, Williamson, West Virginia, be awarded Presidential Citizens Medals for their heroic actions during the Appalachian flood of April 1977.

Both men are active in their community's flood preparedness program. They have established collection stations for rainfall and river observations and assisted in the development of warning networks so that the residents of Williamson and the surrounding area could be alerted.

They were trained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to use a self-help flash flood warning program. This program enables a citizen to compare weather observations against hydrologic tables supplied by the National Weather Service in order to assess the danger, and, when necessary, to issue independent flood warnings.

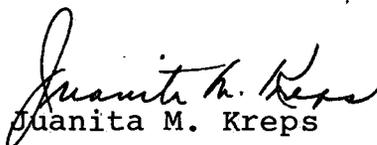
Using his training Mr. Dean recognized the imminent danger last April and broadcast flash flood warnings on two cooperative radio stations. These warnings were sufficiently early to allow mobile homes to be moved from the flood path and to motivate more than 700 persons to assist in the saving of lives and property.

Mr. Hubbard, handicapped by flood-induced communication breakdowns, succeeded in collecting key bits of information indicating a major flood. Even as his own home and automobile business were being flooded, he broadcast the flood warning over the local radio station throughout the night, until the station lost power and went off the air.

In a post-disaster survey conducted immediately after the flood, NOAA officials cited Mr. Dean and Mr. Hubbard for their outstanding service; their early identification of the

developing flood threat; their strong, decisive action to warn people in their communities; and their dedication that kept loss of life and property to a minimum.

Mr. Dean and Mr. Hubbard acted in the highest tradition of public service. Each is recommended for the Presidential Citizens Medal.

  
Juanita M. Kreps