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FOR ACTION:

INFO ONLY: JIM GAMMILL

HAMILTON JORDAN

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SUBJECT: WATSON MEMO RE GENERAL LOUIS WILSON

+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +
+ BY: +

ACTION REQUESTED: JIM - ANY COMMENTS?

STAFF RESPONSE: () I CONCUR. () NO COMMENT. () HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

Joseph H. ...

Comm is elected by other Comm. members - not appointed by President We'll try.

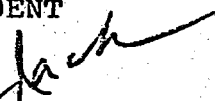
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2-24*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 23, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Jack Watson 
SUBJECT: GENERAL LOUIS WILSON

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Lou made a special trip to my office to say that, upon his retirement, he would like very much to be appointed Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission. It is a job without pay but, as he said, it would permit him to "keep his hand in after he retires." The Commission supervises the maintenance of battle monuments overseas, and the Chairmanship is largely an honorary post. The present Chairman is General Mark Clark who is in his 80's and was appointed by President Nixon in 1969.

A Marine has never served on the 12-member Commission, and it would be especially significant to appoint a retiring Commandant of the Marine Corps as Chairman. Lou is very close to Senators Stennis and Eastland who have indicated that he has their strong support. Needless to say, it is a modest request for a man who has served his country so well for so long.

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*2/12 will call
2/21 - 2/23
Peggy working on it -
will call back*

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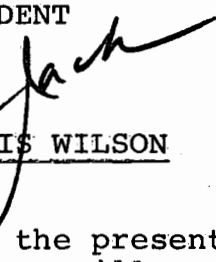
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