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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1974

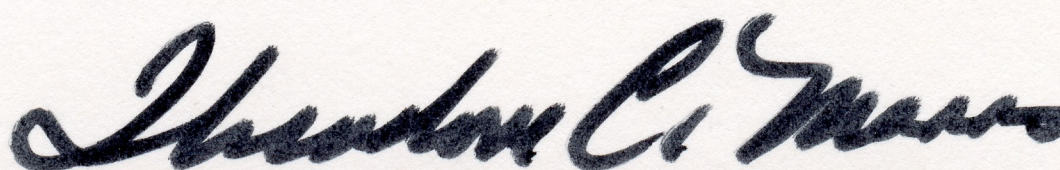
Dear Mr. Chairman:

The question of using draft evaders and deserters to work in Veterans Administration hospitals as a means of earned reentry was raised in your letter of September 18th to the President.

On behalf of the President I am pleased to assure you that there is no intent to have draft evaders or deserters perform their service in Veterans Administration hospitals.

As to taking jobs away from veterans, you may be assured that the President's guidelines have specifically stated that this is not to be the case. The Selective Service Director understands this and will insure that earned reentry work will be in areas where there are more jobs than available applicants. If there are specific questions in regard to this, the Director will be glad to answer them based on Selective Service experience with the conscientious objector program.

Sincerely,



Theodore C. Marrs
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