

TC/FO-0011-2017
28 March 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

VIA: Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Executive Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Deputy General Counsel for Management
Associate Director of CIA for Talent

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FROM:

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Chair, Honor and Merit Awards Board

SUBJECT: (U) Request for Commemoration on the Agency
Memorial Wall

REFERENCES: A. (U) Honor and Merit Awards Board Members
B. (U) AR 5-41 Honor, Merit, and Service Awards

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C. (S) [REDACTED]
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1. (S) Action Requested: That you 1) approve [REDACTED] Stars
on the Agency's Memorial Wall recognizing David W. Bevan,
[REDACTED] Darrell A. Eubanks, [REDACTED]
John S. Lewis, [REDACTED]
individuals who died in the line of duty while supporting the
Agency; and that you 2) approve the expenditure of funds
associated with the installation of the Stars on the Memorial Wall

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2. (S//OC/NF) Background: On 24 February 2017 the Agency's Honor and Merit Awards Board (HMAB) (Reference A) convened to review requests to recognize the abovementioned individuals with Stars on the Agency's Memorial Wall (Attachments A-D).

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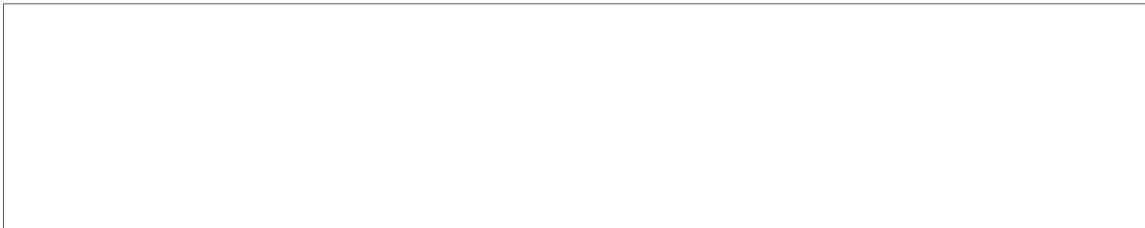
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- Messrs. Bevan, Eubanks, and Lewis were [redacted] contract employees serving in the CIA Developmental Projects Division as Para Dispatch Officers. They died in the line of duty on 13 August 1961 when their Air America aircraft crashed in Laos while conducting aerial delivery of ammunition to Hmong tribesmen. It is recommended that their true names be inscribed in the Memorial Book, [redacted]

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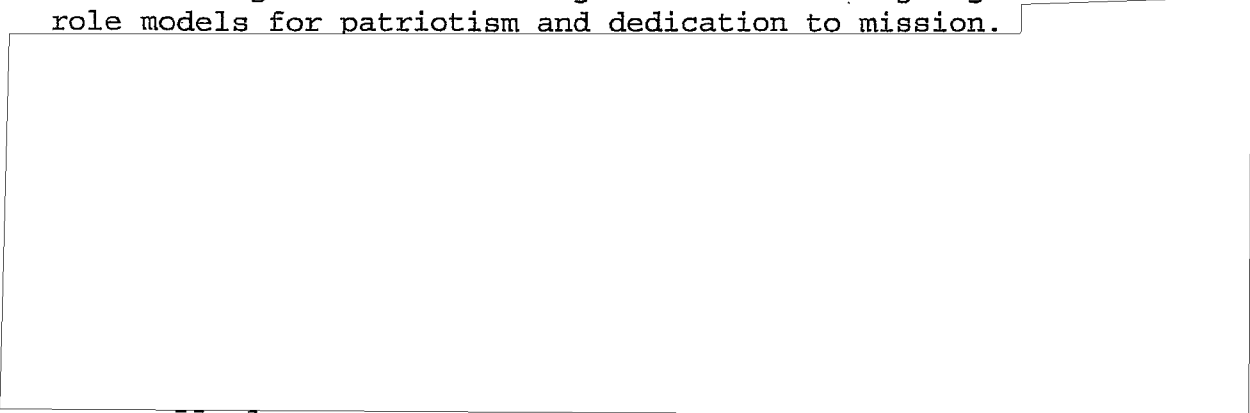
[redacted] In September 2015, a member of the CSI Lessons Learned team, who was conducting research on historical CIA programs in Laos, happened across a 1999 interview with retired CIA officer James Glerum. In the interview, Glerum said: "It was a contract set up with Air America, which is why Eubanks, Bevan, and Lewis are represented by stars in the Agency lobby and are named on the Air America plaque at the University of Texas." Further investigation revealed that the three in fact were not on the Memorial Wall, although they were mentioned on the list of Air America employees killed in action at the University of Texas.

The HMAB, consisting of representatives from each Directorate and the Director's Area, concurred with all the nominations.

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3. (U) These individuals all clearly understood the risks of serving in dangerous areas and are commended and recognized as heroes for going into harm's way and paying the ultimate sacrifice. A commemoration on the Memorial Wall will ensure that their courage will not be forgotten and will highlight them as role models for patriotism and dedication to mission.



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4. (C) Authority: Agency Regulation (AR) 5-41 (Reference A) establishes the Agency's Honor, Merit, and Service Awards Program. The Director of the CIA (DCIA) approves requests for inclusion on the Memorial Wall, either via recommendation from the HMAB or at the DCIA's own discretion. Per AR 5-41, inclusion on the Memorial Wall is awarded posthumously to individuals who lost their lives while serving their country in intelligence activities, in the U.S. or overseas. Among the factors to be considered when determining whether inclusion on the Memorial Wall is appropriate are whether death resulted from "service in areas of hostility or exceptionally hazardous conditions where the death is the result of such hostilities or hazards," and whether the deceased exhibited "inspirational or heroic character" (AR 5-41 Section II.A.3).

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6. (S) Recommendation: That you approve 1) recognizing individuals cited above with a Star on the Memorial Wall, and 2) the expenses associated with such recognition for the military detailee and contractor receiving a Star.

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(✓) David W. Bevan, Darrell A. Eubanks, and John S. Lewis



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D. ~~(S)~~ Memo for DCIA from D/SAC, dtd 22 Jul 2016,
Subject: Request for Commemoration of David W. Bevan (Y),
Darrell A. Eubanks (Y), and John S. Lewis (Y) on the
Agency Memorial Wall and Awards of the Exceptional
Service Medal

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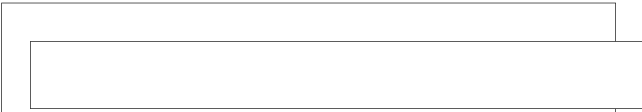
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CONCUR:


Associate Director of CIA for Talent

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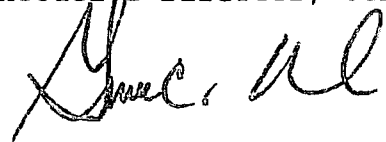

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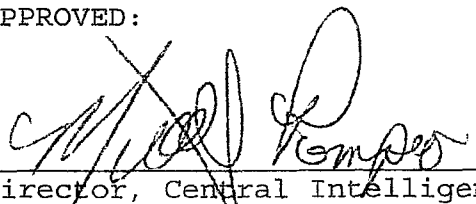

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