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Honorable William J. Driver Administrator of Veterans Affairs Veterans Administration Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Driver:

We are transmitting herewith the report of the United States Veterans Advisory Commission.

This report is the result of many hours of hearings and consideration and is one in which each member of the Commission takes justifiable pride. Not every citizen will agree with each recommendation we have made for improvement in the veterans' benefits structure, but we believe that the recommendations as a group form the basis of a sound and progressive program.

In our deliberations we have taken full account of the passage of Public Law 90-77, the "Veterans Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act of 1967," which implemented many of the President's recommendations contained in his January 31, 1967 message and also of the recommendations contained in the recent message of January 30, 1968, on America's Servicemen and Veterans. We have also taken full cognizance of H.R. 12555 which has passed Congress and is awaiting Presidential action.

Each member of the Commission is extremely grateful to the President for the leadership and interest that he has exerted in veterans' affairs. We wish to endorse the recommendations made in his January 30, 1968 message. More particularly, we support his call for a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that private employers should give job priority to returning servicemen, and his recommendation that a Veterans in Public Service Act be enacted providing assistance to veterans in bringing their talents to the solution of some of the most urgent needs of rural and urban America today.

Finally, we endorse with complete unanimity the statement in the President's message that every veteran who wants it should have the right to burial in a National