"SPECIAL TO ASSIGNMENT EDITOR."

**News Conference**

**WHAT:** 21 Guns Salute for Veterans of Korean War

$500,000.00 donation to Korean War Memorial from Korean Veterans Association.

**WHEN:** Monday, September 15, 1986 (Day of Inchon Landing)

**WHERE:** Tidel Basin North-East of Washington Monumental Core

(If rain, or alternative site are Rotunda at the Capitol or Steps at the Capitol)

**WHO:**

(a) Officials from American Battle Monuments Commission

(b) Officials of Korean Veterans Association

(c) Mr. Stan Parris, Mr. Florio and Senator Armstrong

(including John Glenn, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Chiles, Mr. Hecht, Mr. Rudman and Mr. Montgomery)

(d) Ted Williams, Jim McMahon, Jim Garner, Alan Alda

General Jack Singlaub

(e) Previous Commanding Generals of United Nations Command

General Ridgway to General Wickham

(f) Military Attaches from 21 Allied Nations of the War.

(g) Head of various Veterans Organization

(h) Individuals and Public audience

**WHY:**

The idea of a Korean War Memorial has been so long delayed in coming, however, that it has no dedicated following, like a unit organization or a generation of young people highly motivated to honor, in their own time, those fallen comrades who died in a war nobody understood. The Korean War Memorial has as its purpose recognizing and honoring the service and sacrifice of people who fought in a war which began thirty-six years ago, and many of them are not fully convinced in their lifetimes any more than there were parades to welcome them home in 1953. Therefore, if there is to be memorial for them, the effort to see it established must be provided by a surrogate organization dedicated to the successful completion of the task.

In the case of the private sector, so far, for a number of reasons, that approach has not worked.

Three bills have been introduced in the current U.S. Congress for the American Battle Monuments Commission to erect a Korean War Memorial in the Washington Monumental Core. To sum up, this approach not only provides for underwriting the initial costs of establishing the memorial by public financing and for full accountability; it also gives the American people the opportunity to participate personally and directly in the cause - without having to pay for the high costs of fund-raising and without the risk of loss if, for some reason, the memorial is not established within a reasonable time frame.

HR 2205 was passed by the House on November 4, 1985. With passage in the House of H.R. 2205, no action will be taken on H.R. 2588. It is anticipated that either S. 1223 or H.R. 2205 will be enacted into the law in 1986.