Dear Friend,

I just came back to my office from Capitol Hill, where I learned that a number of Congressmen want to hear from you right away.

Yes, they need to hear from you personally today—as an official member of the National Steering Committee for the Korean War Memorial.

As you recall, you became a member of this Committee some time ago, through your generous donations toward the building of the Korean War Memorial.

At that time, the National Committee promised that you would continue to be informed and consulted at every step of the way.

And that you would be an active member of the National Steering Committee.

Right now, I need your immediate action as a voting member of the Committee.

I want you to express your opinion to both houses of Congress—by sending the enclosed postcards to the heads of two Congressional Committees.

You see, the bills authorizing a Federal grant of land for the Korean War Memorial in our nation's capital have not been passed.

They've been endorsed by 64 U.S. Senators and 166 Representatives—but the bill's still idle in committee.

As you can see on the enclosed postcards, they are Bill SJ97 in the Senate and Bill HJR236 in the House.

As a citizen and as a member of the National Steering Committee, your voice carries a great deal of weight with Congress.

And Congress needs to hear from you—because as a loyal supporter and builder of the Korean War Memorial, you have a right to full consideration.

Our many friends—yours and mine—in the Congress welcome

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your expression of opinion on these bills.

Especially now.

As you know, it's an election year.

A time when many bills come to the attention of the Congress --and when things tend to get lost in the shuffle.

It's not that Congress doesn't care--far from it.

But you know as well as I do that the most important voice in Washington is your voice.

Your opinion right now is crucial in moving these bills out of Committee and into the floors of both houses.

As you can see, support for the bills is very great in both houses of Congress.

But unless the bills are voted on very soon, you and I may have to wait another year to start building the memorial in Washington.

Each version of the bill before Congress would grant a piece of Federal land in Washington for the building of a Korean War Memorial.

I'm sure you see the urgency of the enclosed postcards, and your action in this matter.

Your personal support today can make the difference in our time schedule.

I know that Senator Paul Laxalt, James Michener, former President Gerald R. Ford, General Paul Freeman, and other members of our National Board of Sponsors will be grateful for your immediate help.

And for your continued support of the cost of the memorial.

As you and I move toward our cherished goal of building a "traditional, compelling, and patriotic" memorial for the brave men who fought and died in Korea, could you renew your support with another personal gift?

The more of your generous support I can demonstrate to members of Congress, the more quickly we can move toward our goal.

Please show your renewed commitment today by sending $15, $20, $25, $50, or $100 to build the memorial.

Your generous gifts, remember, will honor the brave men who gave their all in the struggle for freedom--don't you and I

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members of Congress, the more quickly we can move toward our goal.

The Korean War Memorial will be built but only as a result of your generous support.

I hope you can understand how I made an error.

But I also hope you can see that the error was made in haste, under the pressure of working night and day to get this patriotic job done.

For a memorial is very much needed.

It's been thirty-four years since North Korean enemies invaded South Korea--and since brave young Americans went to fight and die for freedom on the cold winter ridges in Korea.

But still, in all of Washington, no memorial honors them.

A new monument to the dead heroes of the Vietnam War now stands on the Mall, between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol.

But our task--yours and mine--to commemorate the Korean heroes remains unfinished.

If you can forgive my error, will you decide to continue as a member of the National Steering Committee?

I certainly hope and pray you will. But if you can't, I'll understand. Notify me and I'll refund your donation.

Because I very much need your help.

You see, donors and supporters to the Korean War Memorial are not treated as other causes might treat them.

As a donor, you really become a member of the National Steering Committee.

That means you'll be actively involved in every phase of the task.

You'll be invited to give your opinion to the Jury on Design, headed by Senator Jeremiah Denton, to see to it that the memorial you and I build is a suitable one.

You'll be invited to various national events to generate support.

And you'll be given a V.I.P. Invitation to the dedication, so that you and your family can meet with our National Sponsors and celebrate the completion of the task.

All along the way, you'll be kept informed.

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If you agree that this is the best way to build a Korean War Memorial, and approve of the way I and the Board have been doing our jobs as volunteers...

...then please confirm your membership on the National Steering Committee by indicating your support on the enclosed reply form.

I will deeply appreciate your support, and your gift.

Together, you and I can achieve the grand task we've set for ourselves.

The task of honoring our fighting men as they should be honored.

If you will confirm our leadership, and your membership, could you please send $15, $20, $25, or $50 to forward the cause?

Or if you can, send $100, $500, $1000, or even $5000 to insure that a beautiful memorial is built in Washington--a memorial that's long overdue.

With God's help, you and I can meet the goal.

Sincerely,

Mylon E. McKee
Executive Director

P.S. Don't forget, please, to check the enclosed reply form and send it to me. That way I'll know if you wish to continue as a valued member of the National Steering Committee. God bless you!