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Dear General Davison:

I hope that everything is well with you and that you have managed to do some skiing this winter regardless of the poor weather. The skiing in Switzerland was quite good, but their heavy snows have not yet arrived.

The VVMF is again having some real problems with Interior Secretary James Watt. We have given him three proposed flag and statue locations and requested that he forward them to the Fine Arts Commission. Included in the proposals is the one desired by the Ross Perot faction.

Senators Warner and Mathias met with Watt, who was quite uncooperative. Their letter is attached. Watt claims to be under pressure from some members of Congress who desire to have the flag and statue placed more prominently than Fine Arts will allow.

The situation is a bit ridiculous, but if it continues the memorial will again be the object of angry controversy and this does not appear to be in the interest of veterans. We are meeting with the new V.A. administrator, Harry Walters, on Thursday to see what he may be able to do to resolve the situation concerning Secretary Watt.

Bringing this project to a close is a bit difficult due to the determination of our opponents to continue the fight.

Attached are background materials for your review. As always we appreciate your help greatly.

My best regards,

Sincerely,

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