

addition of the American flag and statue as an integral part of the memorial, and not removed from the memorial.

Specifics of the compromise included not only the addition of the flag and the statue, but the specific location as well. That was the single proposal agreed to for submission to the Commission on Fine Arts for their approval.

I strongly urge that the Commission approve the additions, and the specific locations.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you very much.

Fred Downs?

If he is not here, we will move to Paul Haaga.

A VOICE: He had to leave, also.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: Understood.

Edward Lyle?

MR. LYLE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, my name is Edward Lyle. I am an attorney in Washington, D. C., and also a resident of this city.

During the Vietnam War I served in the United States Army as a junior officer in Thailand, basically along the border between Thailand and Laos, and Thailand and Cambodia.

I am a member of the George Washington Chapter of the United States Army. I am testifying, however, in a

5 private capacity, representing only myself. I am a Veteran, who in the past has opposed the addition of the statue and flag to the original design. I continue to oppose it.

Whether those two items should be added, however, is a question which has been debated in my mind, with ample opportunity for input from all quarters.

Finally, after a good bit of deliberation and negotiation, a compromise was finally reached. I oppose, at this point, any attempt to reopen that question, whether there should be the addition of these two items or not. To do so, I think, might easily create further polarization, and unravel that which has already been done.

I think also, it might delay the dedication to the monument, and thereby do a disservice to Veterans, many of whom will be coming to Washington for that event.

I therefore urge this Commission to consider the question of whether the flag pole and the statue will be added, is a closed question, a settled question. I urge the Commission to consider in its deliberations the artistic merits of those two items, and their integration to the overall monument.

In regard to those questions, I think those two items and their integration have been appropriately conceived

and designed, and I urge the Commission to approve their addition.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you very much.

John D. Pitney?

If he had to leave, we will go to John T. Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS: I am John T. Williams, and I am from Berwick, Louisiana.

I got interested in this thing about a year ago, and gave some money. There was a statement made in 1960 as to why we went. This statue here, and that flag, tells why we went. That wall is nothing but something that came between, and that statement is this, let every Nation know whether it wishes us will or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you very much.

Mary Louise Dowling?

MS. DOWLING: My name is Mary Louise Dowling. I am a Volunteer for the Vietnam Memorial Fund. A volunteer because I served in Vietnam with the American Red Cross, and I saw many servicemen there, and as I returned, I also worked