

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Thomas E. White  
Secretary of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

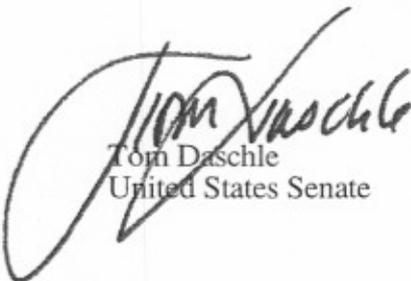
Dear Secretary White:

We would like to request the Army's assistance with a Congressional Medal of Honor recommendation that was apparently lost and never received proper consideration. Enclosed is information about Master Sergeant Woodrow Keeble provided to us recently by members of his tribe, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux.

MSgt. Woodrow Keeble, who served in both World War II and the Korean War, was awarded numerous commendations for his military service. Members of his company recommended him for the Congressional Medal of Honor for acts of conspicuous bravery during a battle near Kumsong, North Korea, in October 1951. The attached affidavit from Joe K. Sagami states their original recommendation was lost in November 1951 and never acted on by the Army. While the statutory time limit for consideration of a Congressional Medal of Honor for MSgt. Keeble has elapsed, the law allows a waiver if the Secretary of the Army determines the recommendation was lost or inadvertently not considered in a timely manner.

Please examine the enclosed documentation, and any other available information, and report to us on his eligibility for the Congressional Medal of Honor. MSgt. Keeble passed away in 1982, but providing the recognition he deserves is still important to MSgt. Keeble's family, the members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, and the people of South Dakota.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to your prompt reply.



Tom Daschle  
United States Senate

Sincerely,



Tim Johnson  
United States Senate

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