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NEVER AGAIN WILL ONE GENERATION OF VETERANS ABANDON ANOTHER.



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The Honorable Elissa Slotkin
2245 Rayburn HOB
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The Honorable Mike Waltz
244 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Slotkin and Waltz,

Vietnam Veterans of America supports the establishment of a memorial to commemorate the service of the members of the Army Security Agency (ASA). This precursor to INSCOM played a crucial role in our nation's military history, and we should honor their contributions and sacrifices with a dedicated memorial.

The Army Security Agency, active from 1945 to 1976, was tasked with highly sensitive and often perilous missions involving intelligence gathering, signal interception, and cryptography. The agency's members operated in the shadows, their work classified and their contributions often unrecognized by the public. Despite the lack of recognition, their efforts were instrumental in safeguarding our nation's security during critical periods, including the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

The establishment of a memorial would provide a tangible tribute to the brave members of the ASA, who performed their duties with unwavering dedication and professionalism. It would serve as a place for reflection and remembrance, allowing family members, fellow servicemembers, and future generations to honor and appreciate the vital role played by the ASA in our national defense.

In addition to honoring the past, the memorial would also remind the public about the importance of military intelligence and the sacrifices made by those in the intelligence community. It would highlight the often unseen and unheralded efforts of the ASA members, ensuring that their legacy is preserved for posterity.

Establishing a memorial for the ASA is a permanent and meaningful way to acknowledge and honor their service. I am confident that with your support, we can create a fitting tribute to ensure that their legacy is remembered for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Jack McManus
National President