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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Pentagon Building Tours - ACTION MEMORANDUM

In view of the anticipated influx of people into Washington during the Bicentennial year, I believe we must make some gesture toward opening the Pentagon to the public. To preserve the current need for security a limited number of scheduled tours would be the best approach.

This idea has been discussed with each of the Services. Except for the Air Force, they were less than enthusiastic. I personally feel that such a program would be beneficial and recommend that it be conducted.

The estimated cost of the program -- excluding manpower -- would be about \$30,000. This figure includes \$25,000 for building renovation for crowd control and assembly and the cost of printed material. The DASD(A) has agreed that funds can be made available for this purpose.

I also anticipate producing some sort of graphic, such as a film, welcome for tour participants and estimate I will need about \$5,000 for this purpose.

Our contemplated tour plan calls for the Department of the Army to establish a tour office with three civilians and a tour guide staff of 30 military personnel. With your approval, staffing for the Tour Director's office will be provided by directing the Army, Navy and Air Force to each make available one civilian personnel space for the period 1 March 1976 through 31 October 1976. The Army, Navy and Air Force each will also be directed to make available 8 uniformed service personnel and the Marine Corps 6 uniformed service personnel for the period 19 April through 30 September 1976.

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Based on consultation with FBI tour officials and other agencies involved in a similar program, I feel we can successfully conduct a tour program.

Recommend you approve.

Bill Greener
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Coordination: DASD(A) *W. W. W.*

Approve: *Good - JH*

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Disapprove: _____

