

MEMORANDUM

(Make a note of it)

Mr.

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W Anderson

2:30

Sign initials

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Mr. Carter: The attached letter and ~~wire~~ copy of wire to Timmons ~~refer~~ concern an instance of a war widow with eight children, five boys, three girls, whose father was killed at Guadacanal and who had written them about the souvenirs he had collected to send them for Christmas. His widow received a bill of lading showing his box of personal effects en route weighed 86 pounds; on arrival it weighed 12. Missing were the souvenirs.

Marlin Andrews, FTW insurance man whom you may know, had a son in the same squadron who was killed; his box arrived short, camera, pencil sets, fountain pen etc missing. He was in this morning. He is not concerned about his own loss but about these eight kids being disappointed at Christmas. He thought if you would or call one wire ~~the~~ the President's secretaries, the Navy would be instructed to collect some of these souvenirs and have them sent in on one of the planes that fly this route daily and the kids could get them.

I wired Timmons, as shown by attached copy, to contact the Navy. JMN

~~xxxxxxx~~ DPR chg Star telegram

Bascom Timmons

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Here is chance to make eight little kids happy and produce excellent human interest story. Mrs. Edward Healy, one nought four three Altgeld street Chicago ~~xxxxxxx~~ widow of gunner Naval bombing squad one nought four and mother eight children says received bill of lading showing husband's personal effects being returned weighed eighty six pounds and on arrival weight was twelve. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Missing were hula skirts ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ necklaces he had promised girls and other souvenirs for boys and for wife. Marlin Andrews ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Fort Worth whose son pilot this same squadron killed found his personal effects also short bill of lading and he wants know if Navy can't arrange have souvenirs brought out on some regular flight and sent these kids for Christmas if number boys and girls etc determined. Won't you please contact proper official in Navy and see what can be done. J. M. North Jr.