

Fullbright's office was putting pressure on them and that they needed my help. I then made the necessary arrangements to enroll Mr. Clinton into the ROTC program at the University of Arkansas.

I was not "saving" him from serving his country, as he erroneously thanked me for in his letter from England (dated Dec. 3, 1969). I was making it possible for a Rhodes Scholar to serve in the military as an officer.

In retrospect I see that Mr. Clinton had no intention of following through with his agreement to join the ROTC program at University of Arkansas or to attend the University of Arkansas Law School. I had explained to him the necessity of enrolling at the University of Arkansas as a student in order to be eligible to take the ROTC program at the university. He never enrolled at the University of Arkansas, but instead enrolled at Yale University after attending Oxford. I believe that he purposely deceived me, using the possibility of joining the ROTC as a ploy to work with the draft board to delay his induction and get a new draft classification.

The Dec. 3 letter written to me by Mr. Clinton, and subsequently taken from the files by Lt. Col. Clint Jones, my executive officer, was placed into the ROTC files so that a record would be available in case the applicant should again petition to enter into the ROTC program. The information in that letter alone would have restricted Bill Clinton from ever qualifying to be an officer in the United States military. Even more significant was his lack of veracity in purposely defrauding the military by deceiving me, both in concealing his anti-military activities overseas and his counterfeit intentions for later military service. These actions cause me to question both his patriotism and his integrity.

When I consider the caliber, the bravery, and the patriotism of the fine young soldiers whose deaths I have witnessed, and others whose funerals I have attended. . . . When I reflected on not only the willingness, but eagerness that so many of them displayed in their earnest desire to defend and serve their country, it is untenable and incomprehensible to me that a man who was not merely unwilling to serve his country, but actually protested against its military, should ever be in the position of Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces.

I write this declaration not only for the living and future generations, but for those who fought and died for our country. If space and time permitted I would include the names of the ones I knew and fought with, and along with them I would mention my brother Bob, who was killed, during World War II and is buried in Cambridge, England (at the age of 23, the age Bill Clinton was when he was over in England protesting the war).

I have agonized over whether or not to submit this statement to the American people. But, I realize that even though I served my country by being in the military for over 32 years, and having gone through the ordeal of months of combat under the worst conditions followed by years of imprisonment by the Japanese, it is not enough. I'm writing these comments to let everyone know that I love my country more than I do my own personal security and well-being. I will go to my grave loving these United States of America and the liberty for which so many men have fought and died.

Because of my poor physical condition, this will be my final statement. I will make no further comments to any of the media regarding this issue.

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Colonel, U.S.A., Ret.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALKER). With respect to a possible special order which the gentleman sought for tomorrow for 1 hour, the gentleman should pursue that request with the majority leader through the Cloakroom.

Mr. DORNAN. Again to you, sir, good luck. What an honor serving with you for two decades.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I thank the gentleman.

FAREWELL FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN T. MYERS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed emotions today that I take this floor. After 30 years of service in the House, if seems like only yesterday, January 5, 1967, that I sat in that chair right there, with two little girls by my side, Carol Ann, 11, and Lori, 6. We took the oath together.

It is not an easy task to say good-bye. So many times we have heard the expression, parting is such sweet sorrow. I never knew exactly what that meant. I guess I have said it myself many times.

Mr. DORNAN. May I destroy the gentleman's rhythm on that sweet sorrow for 1 second?

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Certainly, my friend from California. It is difficult to follow the order of BOB DORNAN.

Mr. DORNAN. You will like this. You are something else, Mr. MYERS. How old were you when you were the commander as a lieutenant of a prison camp for German prisoners?

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. I spent my 18th birthday there, as a lot of people did.

Mr. Dornan. Second lieutenant at 18. Pretty darn good, commanding a German POW camp.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. In the Air Force I would have been a captain.

Mr. DORNAN. That is right, but that is because so many guys were shot down in the chain of command. And you came in George Bush's class of '66.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. We were together, yes.

Mr. DORNAN. With J.P. Hammer-schmidt, who beat Clinton at his only other attempt at Federal office in 1974, beat him by 6,600 votes. Thirty years, 1966 to 1996. A whole decade more than BOB WALKER. I have just loved serving with you. And you put the icing on the cake, you honorable man, you, by bringing those grandkids, that look like they were drawn by Norman Rockwell onto this floor, Justin and Austin, John Austin and Justin. What an honor serving with you, JOHN. Let us stay in touch.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Thank you for knowing he was a little boy with that long curly hair. Grandpa wishes he has some of that.

Mr. DORNAN. Well, I gave orders that that is not to be cut until another year.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. His mother will take care of that.

Mr. DORNAN. JOHN, keep coming back a lot. Loved serving with you.

Mr. SOLOMON. If the gentleman will yield, JOHN, I am going to say to you what I said to the honorable Speaker sitting up there, BOB WALKER, the pro tem Speaker who is going to be leaving along with you. But we certainly are going to miss you, my friend, you and JIM QUILLEN, who is retiring. I know you are the best of friends, and the two of you sat in these two seats right here in front of me.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. For a good many years.

Mr. SOLOMON. During every vote taken for how many years, JOHN?

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Thirty. JIMMY served 34.

Mr. SOLOMON. I have been here 18 of those years. I just wanted to tell you, when you would come to the Committee on Rules and testify on the many bills, especially the appropriation bill on energy-water that you would bring before us, you used to do it almost being humble, and I just always admired you for it, because some of us have a tendency to be a little emotional and a little excitable. You always had that reserved presence which we all just admired so much.

So I just want to wish you and your wonderful wife all the best, and hope you do come back and lend us your advice from time to time.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Thank you very much.

Mr. BACHUS. If the gentleman will yield, Mr. MYERS, I wanted to say to you, you and Mr. BEVILL, and we said this on the floor of the House earlier this year, that when it came to protecting communities against floods, building levies, I do not think there is a district in the country that have a river that is not thankful to you for your many years of services on the House Appropriations Committee. A lot of people who do not know you, do not know your name, who may be viewing today, do not realize what a difference you have made in their communities. But I want to compliment again you and Mr. BEVILL for your many years of service to the communities of our nation.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Thank you very much for the nice remarks.

Sweet sorrow, the sweet side is the fact that the people of the 7th Congressional District, the midwest-central part of Indiana, sent me here for 30 years. I have had the privilege of representing the good folks of Indiana, and it has been a great experience.

But the sorrow is, first, I feel somewhat like I have left the staff, the personal staff we have had through the years, very loyal, I hope I have not forsaken them. But leaving them, when often they worked extra hours to carry out and help a constituent. There always has to be a time when we decide