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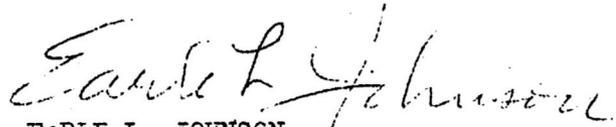
Subject: Letters to Congress

To: All Unit Commanders

1. Despite directives and frequent bulletin items on the subject of following channels in communications on CAP matters, some officers and members have taken it upon themselves to write letters in their capacity as CAP personnel to the President of the United States, Members of Congress, Officers of the Armed Forces, and Federal Officials with various plans and proposals.

2. However well intentioned such communications may be, they are out of line with the rules of military courtesy and discipline which must be followed in the conduct of a military type of organization such as the Patrol. The right to petition is inherent in all citizens. We do not presume to direct what a member may write to his Congressman as a private individual. But anything he may write or say either in letters or in public statements, in his capacity as a Patrol member is subject to the rules which govern the conduct of defense personnel in wartime.

3. CAP Unit Commanders are expected to be in touch with State or Regional representatives of the Armed Forces and Federal Agencies when necessary. They are expected to maintain their normal contacts with Washington on such matters as priorities, airport improvements, and other problems with which airmen in the States customarily deal. But on matters concerning CAP policy, all communications from Wings to be taken up with Washington agencies must be routed through CAP headquarters.



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