SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Tim Johnson
United States Senate
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4104

Dear Senator Johnson:

I am writing in response to your request to award the Medal of Honor to then – Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble.

The award recommendation is being processed pursuant to Section 1130, Title 10, United States Code, because the normal time limitations period for considering Medals of Honor requests expired in this case. Accordingly, Section 1130, directs that, upon request of a Member of Congress, the Secretary shall review a proposal for the award or presentation of a decoration (or upgrading of a decoration) that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to time limitations established by law or policy. Based upon such review, the Secretary shall make a recommendation/ determination as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration.

In accordance with our normal procedures, the Senior Army Decorations Board initially reviewed this request and submitted it to me with its recommendation. After giving this request my careful and personal consideration, it is my recommendation that the award of the Medal of Honor is the appropriate award to recognize Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble's gallant acts.

This brave Soldier clearly distinguished himself through his courageous actions. The Army and our Nation are forever grateful for his heroic service.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of this brave American.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Harvey