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as Frank mentioned
at yesterday's meeting.
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Folks--this issue has been kicking around and getting more momentum. VA has analyzed over the last few years the claims of these Filipinos for benefits as veterans having fought for the US in WWII. I believe the conclusion is that it would be extremely costly but I don't believe the White House has ever engaged in a substantive analysis of the merits of the claim other than the financial cost. I think we need a process to have this resolved--it has gotten on the President's radar screen. I would be happy to coordinate this process, if you'll assign the appropriate staff members for this work. Thank you.