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April 29, 1985 10001-05

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable
Patrick Buchanan
Assistant to the President
and Director of Communications
The White House

FROM : Charles Z. Wick *CW*

SUBJECT : The President's Visit to Bitburg - European
Attitudes Polarize

REFERENCE : My April 25 and April 26 Memoranda to you on
the Bitburg Visit.

Attached is our latest report on European attitudes towards the President's planned visit to Bitburg.

Apr 25 memo on same subject
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April 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
FROM: EU - John F. Kordek
SUBJECT: European Attitudes Polarize on Bitburg

SUMMARY

Western European attitudes on the President's proposed visit to Bitburg are now dividing into two camps, with a majority of West Germans in favor of the visit and everyone else opposed to it. It is generally agreed inside and outside Germany that Bitburg now overshadows the rest of the President's European trip, and from a press standpoint will be the high point of the trip, no matter how little time the President actually spends in the cemetery.

In the East, communist propaganda claims that Bitburg is not a slip but a conscious US policy to ally itself with the most reactionary elements in Germany feed on popular sentiment against the visit.

WESTERN EUROPE

Western European attitudes have coalesced around three points:

The President is a leader whose alleged lack of historical consciousness is puzzling and sad.

The Bitburg ceremony can make no positive points, except perhaps with the Germans.

As a result of the Bitburg controversy, the Germans will again feel isolated from the rest of Western Europe.

Bonn reports that opinion polls there show an overwhelmingly positive reaction to the President's planned visit to Bitburg. Meanwhile, articles in the German press are beginning to speak more and more of finding a way out of the controversy by substituting another site for Bitburg. Conservative Springer-owned mass circulation Bild Zeitung of Hamburg carries an editorial today noting that Chancellor Kohl would not lose face if he spared President Reagan the visit to Bitburg. It goes on to say that, "all of a sudden it has become obvious how shaky the ground is on which the friendship with former enemies is based." The editorial concludes that "Mr. Reagan is going through the worst crisis of his presidency because of Bitburg."

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In London, commentators are now writing about the impact of the Bitburg controversy on the FRG's perception of itself, pointing out that it could well lead to a resurgence of Germany's 'pariah mentality'.

This morning's International Herald Tribune in Paris headlined "SS Killer Unit Has Graves in Bitburg: Division that Massacred 642 French Villagers Represented." The French press, which missed the Sunday NYT piece, is expected to take up the story tomorrow.

EASTERN EUROPE and THE USSR

The communist basic propoganda line on the Bitburg controversy, as expected, emerged in a commentary on Soviet TV April 26:

"It is not a slip. It is a policy....For the sake of (its) imperial ambitions, Washington is ready to ally itself with anyone, including past and present Nazis."

In Poland, the media focused on the news of congressional opposition to the visit and the NYT report on the massacre of French villagers by the SS unit represented at Bitburg. An accompanying commentary lambasted President Reagan for "historical and moral nihilism." Sunday's newspapers said that "Reagan and Kohl are trying to change the history of Nazi Germany...". In a private conversation, two Poles commented that the official media are "hoping against hope" that President Reagan will go through with Bitburg as it will provide propoganda fodder for a long time to come.

In Yugoslavia the first articles commenting very critically on the Bitburg visit have begun to appear. Private comment remains very critical as well.

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April 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Patrick Buchanan
Assistant to the President
and Director of Communications
The White House

FROM : D - Charles Z. Wick *ew*

SUBJECT : Up-Date on European Attitudes toward the
President's Visit to Bitburg.

REFERENCE : My April 25 Memorandum to you on the same
subject.

Attached is today's up-date report on European attitudes toward the President's planned visit to the military cemetery in Bitburg.

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April 26, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
FROM: EU - John F. Kordek
SUBJECT: Today's Up-Date on European Attitudes toward
the President's Visits to Bitburg and
Bergen-Belsen

SUMMARY

Concern that the Bitburg controversy is damaging the President's image as a national leader and as the leader of the NATO Alliance continues in Europe today outside of Germany.

WESTERN EUROPE

At NATO Headquarters in Brussels, colleagues from other alliance countries are for the most part maintaining an embarrassed silence on the Bitburg controversy. However, several have come forward privately to say that attempting to use Bitburg to express reconciliation with Germany's role in World War II is not going to work. As the controversy continues, they see damage being done not only to President Reagan and to Chancellor Kohl, but to the NATO Alliance as well.

Brussels reports that public opinion in Luxembourg, scene of much of the fighting during the Battle of the Bulge, vociferously opposes the President honoring a site where SS troops are buried. Brussels also reports that the President of the Francophone Social Christian Party, a member of Belgium's ruling coalition, has sent a letter to President Reagan asking him to reconsider his visit to Bitburg. The writer, Gerard Deprez, is from Bastogne.

In France, which has the fourth largest Jewish population in the world, and where Nazi SS officer Klaus Barbie is still in jail (in Lyons) awaiting trial for his crimes, the Bitburg controversy continues to grow, with most French dailies giving wide play today to the ABC/Washington Post poll showing a majority of Americans opposed to the Bitburg visit.

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Bonn reports that although most Germans would like to see President Reagan honor German war dead, a political storm that crosses political lines is raging in the FRG over Kohl's handling of the situation. On the dark side, today's German edition of the mass circulation Quick magazine blames opposition to the cemetery visit on "the influence of Jews" and the "power of the big media" in the US.

In neutral Austria the Bitburg controversy has been displaced by reports that the US Embassy in Vienna has withdrawn from two V-E Day commemorative events hosted by the Soviets because of the recent Nicholson Affair. The inference that Americans will go to Bitburg, but not socialize with its wartime Soviet ally has been drawn privately.

Eastern Europe

Individual reaction among Poles continues to be one of amazement bordering on incomprehension. Our PAO reports that at lunch yesterday a contact (not Jewish) who was in a Nazi concentration camp during the war said that, "It is incomprehensible that President Reagan could be either so naive or insensitive to the feelings of many, many Europeans." Another Pole present added, "Someone within the Administration is deliberately trying to sabotage Reagan. This is the only way to explain such a stupid blunder."

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April 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *PS*

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SUBJECT: German War Cemetery Event

State has sent what I believe is an unsolicited memo listing Heads of State, including many from countries who were our former enemies, who have laid wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Tab A). The memo is obviously related to the current negative publicity surrounding the plan for the President to lay a wreath at a German war cemetery in conjunction with his visit to Bitburg on May 5.

The rationale for the visit to the war cemetery remains valid in my view. You will recall in their meeting on November 30 that Kohl made an eloquent, personal appeal to the President to join him in this historic event symbolically marking the end of WWII. Kohl equated it to his visit with Mitterrand to Verdun.

Bitburg was handpicked by Kohl because it is in his home district; it was also specifically chosen to signal both reconciliation (the cemetery) and current cooperation (the air base). The cemetery visit is designed, as well, to mark the healing process and to underline the trip's central theme of peace and reconciliation. I understand Mike spoke to Horst Teltschik over the weekend, and Kohl is digging in his heels, i.e., he strongly opposes dropping the cemetery ceremony.

As stated above, the cemetery event is supposed to be symbolic, statesman-like, and of major significance because it had never been done before. During the advance trip, we specifically asked and were informed that no SS are buried in the cemetery. In light of media reports, the Embassy is double-checking this fact. I am surprised by reports of criticism from some U.S. veterans' groups. According to Embassy Bonn U.S. veterans have been participating in a number of anniversary events in which they have praised effusively the fighting valour of the German soldier.

We obviously underestimated the reaction from the American Jewish community. Mike Deaver, I understand, is currently looking for a counter-balance event to mark the Holocaust during the President's trip. There is no concentration camp near the

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Bonn-Bitburg-Hambach area. There has been a suggestion, which Mike is exploring, to visit a Jewish cemetery adjacent to the famous Worms Cathedral upon whose doors Martin Luther nailed his 39 themes.

For the record, top Administration officials are already participating in a number of events marking the Holocaust. These include: As part of Jewish Heritage week, the President will present a commemorative gold medal to Elie Wiesel on April 19 (though there is a report Wiesel now will not accept it); Ambassador Burns will participate with Kohl at a ceremony at the Bergen-Bilsen Camp on April 21; on April 20 Secretary Marsh is presenting flags of the Army units that liberated the camps to the Holocaust Memorial Council; and Secretary Shultz will speak at special rites, I believe on April 24; Shultz is also attending a special ceremony in Israel following the President's European trip. Moreover, the President is the Honorary Chairman of the "Campaign to Remember."

RECOMMENDATION

That you draw from the above information in considering the President's itinerary.

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Disapprove _____

Attachment
Tab A State's Memo

cc: Jack Matlock
Bill Martin
Karna Small
Jim Rentschler

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: WREATH-LAYINGS AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
BY VISITING HEADS OF STATE (1976 - 1985)

According to records maintained by the Office of Protocol of the Department of State and by the Office of the Historian at Arlington National Cemetery, 58 heads of State or Chiefs of Government have laid wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the past nine years.

That number includes a significant representation from our former World War II enemies -- Germany, Japan and Italy. The chart below provides statistics in support of this assertion.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Wreaths by Heads of State</u>	<u>Which Includes Former Enemy Represented by:</u>		
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		Italy	Pres. Andreotti	Dec.
1977	3	Japan	PM Fukuda	March
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1979	3	Japan	PM Ohira	May
1980	4	Italy	PM Cossiga	Jan.
1981	5	Japan	PM Suzuki	May
1982	9	Italy	Pres. Pertini	March
		Italy	PM Spadolini	Nov.
1983	14	Germany	Pres. Carstens	Oct.
1984	7			
1985	2			

In addition our Japan Desk indicates that Japanese Defense Ministers traditionally lay a wreath at the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor during their visits to CINCPAC. We hope the above information will be of use.

Nicholas Platt
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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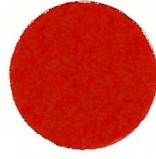
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February 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *PS*

SUBJECT: Kohl's Message to the President

The President has already seen the attached birthday message from Chancellor Kohl. I see no need for a special reply, but plan to add a thank you line to the next Presidential letter to Kohl.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree that there is no need for a separate reply to Kohl.

Approve *K* Disapprove

*OK -- but in light of
change of plans for May,
a letter sooner rather
than later would seem
needed.*

Attachment
Tab A Kohl's Incoming

and upcoming trip to Germany

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PAGE 02 OF 02 CHANCELLOR KOHL 0001

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MR PRESIDENT, DEAR RON,

I SEND YOU WARMEST BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS. MAY THE YEARS AHEAD BRING YOU BOTH PLEASURE UND SUCCESS. THE ROAD YOU HAVE EMBARKED UPON IN THE CONTEXT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND SECURITY POLICY OPENS UP GOOD PERSPECTIVES FOR YOU.

I AM PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THAT OCCASION WILL ONCE AGAIN CONFIRM THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH IS MARKED BY CO-OPERATION AND OUR COMMON POLITICAL AIMS.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING,

YOURS SINCERELY,

HELMUT KOHL "" ""

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The President
of the Federal Republic of Germany

Bonn, 29 January 1985

Mr President,

It gives me pleasure to convey to you in this personal way, too, my invitation for you and Mrs Reagan to pay a state visit to the Federal Republic of Germany after the World Economic Summit in Bonn. I do so with particular delight since, following the preparatory contacts, I already feel sure that I shall be able to welcome you as my guest in May.

Your visit will, I am convinced, afford an opportunity to highlight the ties of friendship existing between our States and peoples at a time that will attract special attention for historical and political reasons. This friendship is an exceptional achievement of the political wisdom of important statesmen - Germans and Americans alike. It is founded on the will for peace, freedom and justice. Your visit will strengthen still further these shared values. For me personally, it will be a particular pleasure to resume the talks that I had with you whilst Governing Mayor of Berlin.

As regards the details of the programme for your visit, I would like to suggest that they be agreed through the usual diplomatic channels.

With best regards,
(sgd.) Richard von Weizsäcker

His Excellency
Ronald W. Reagan
President of the
United States of America
Washington

*Der Präsident
der
Bundesrepublik Deutschland*

Bonn, den 29. Januar 1985

Seiner Exzellenz
dem Präsidenten der
Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika
Herrn Ronald W. Reagan
Washington

Herr Präsident,

es ist mir eine Freude, Ihnen auch auf diesem persönlichen Wege meine Einladung zu übermitteln, zusammen mit Mrs. Reagan im Anschluß an den Weltwirtschafts-Gipfel in Bonn der Bundesrepublik Deutschland einen Staatsbesuch abzustatten. Ich tue dies mit großem Vergnügen, da ich nach den vorbereitenden Kontakten schon gewiß sein darf, Sie im Mai als meinen Gast begrüßen zu können.

Ihr Besuch wird - davon bin ich überzeugt - Gelegenheit bieten, zu einem Zeitpunkt, der aus historischen und politischen Gründen besondere Aufmerksamkeit auf sich zieht, die freundschaftliche Verbundenheit unserer Staaten und Völker bewußt zu machen. Sie ist eine außerordentliche Leistung politischer Weisheit bedeutender Staatsmänner - Deutscher wie Amerikaner. Sie beruht auf dem Willen zu Frieden, Freiheit und Gerechtigkeit. Ihr Besuch wird diese gemeinsamen Wertvorstellungen noch weiter festigen.

Eine besondere Freude wird es für mich persönlich sein, die Gespräche, die ich mit Ihnen als Regierender Bürgermeister Berlins führte, wiederaufnehmen zu können.

Was die Einzelheiten des Besuchsprogramms anbetrifft, so schlage ich vor, daß sie auf dem üblichen diplomatischen Wege vereinbart werden.

mit meinem besten Grüßen

R. Wipaciu

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FROM PLATT, N

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SUBJECT: GERMAN INVITATION TO PRES FOR VISIT AFTER BONN SUMMIT IN MAY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT *Richard* VON WEIZSAECKER

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER ASAP THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IN PARA 2 FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION TO PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOLLOWING THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. MRS. REAGAN AND I RECALL GRATEFULLY YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY IN BERLIN DURING OUR 1982 VISIT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND MRS. VON WEIZSAECKER AGAIN IN BONN.

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RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT.

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3. FOR BONN'S INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

BEGIN TEXT:

"MR. PRESIDENT:

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO CONVEY TO YOU IN THIS PERSONAL WAY, TOO, MY INVITATION FOR YOU AND MRS. REAGAN TO PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AFTER THE WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN BONN. I DO SO WITH PARTICULAR DELIGHT SINCE, FOLLOWING THE PREPARATORY CONTACTS, I ALREADY FEEL SURE THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO WELCOME YOU AS MY GUEST IN MAY.

YOUR VISIT WILL, I AM CONVINCED, AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN OUR STATES AND PEOPLES AT A TIME THAT WILL ATTRACT SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL REASONS. THIS FRIENDSHIP IS AN EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE POLITICAL WISDOM OF IMPORTANT STATESMEN - GERMANS AND AMERICANS ALIKE. IT IS FOUNDED ON THE WILL FOR PEACE, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. YOUR VISIT WILL STRENGTHEN STILL FURTHER THESE SHARED VALUES. FOR ME PERSONALLY, IT WILL BE A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO RESUME THE TALKS THAT I HAD WITH YOU WHICH GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN.

AS REGARDS THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM FOR YOUR VISIT, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THEY BE AGREED THROUGH THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

WITH BEST REGARDS,

RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER"

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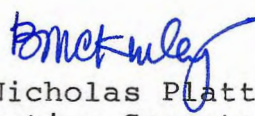
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February 5, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Invitation to President Reagan

Attached is the original formal invitation from FRG President Richard von Weizsaecker to President Reagan to pay a State visit to the Federal Republic following the Bonn Economic Summit in May. We have also attached for your clearance a brief telegraphic response accepting the invitation which, once approved by the White House, we will ask Embassy Bonn to transmit to von Weizsaecker's office.


for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. FRG Invitation
2. Draft Response

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. BEEBERRY
THE WHITE HOUSE
February 24, 1951



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. BEEBERRY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Invitation to President Truman

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Richard C. Beberry
Executive Secretary

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THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. President :

I have the honor to transmit to you the following telegram from the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Richard von Weizsäcker :

"Herr Präsident,

es ist mir eine Freude, Ihnen auch auf diesem persönlichen Wege meine Einladung zu übermitteln, zusammen mit Mrs. Reagan im Anschluß an den Weltwirtschafts-Gipfel in Bonn der Bundesrepublik Deutschland einen Staatsbesuch abzustatten. Ich tue dies mit großem Vergnügen, da ich nach den vorbereitenden Kontakten schon gewiß sein darf, Sie im Mai als meinen Gast begrüßen zu können.

Ihr Besuch wird - davon bin ich überzeugt - Gelegenheit bieten, zu einem Zeitpunkt, der aus historischen und politischen Gründen besondere Aufmerksamkeit auf sich zieht, die freundschaftliche Verbundenheit unserer Staaten und Völker bewußt zu machen. Sie ist eine außerordentliche

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The President

The White House

Washington, D.C.

Leistung politischer Weisheit bedeutender Staatsmänner - Deutscher wie Amerikaner. Sie beruht auf dem Willen zu Frieden, Freiheit und Gerechtigkeit. Ihr Besuch wird diese gemeinsamen Wertvorstellungen noch weiter festigen.

Eine besondere Freude wird es für mich persönlich sein, die Gespräche, die ich mit Ihnen als Regierender Bürgermeister Berlins führte, wieder aufnehmen zu können.

Was die Einzelheiten des Besuchsprogramms anbetrifft, so schlage ich vor, daß sie auf dem üblichen diplomatischen Wege vereinbart werden.

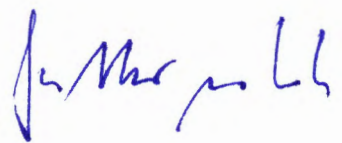
Mit meinen besten Grüßen,

R. Weizsaecker

Präsident der Bundesrepublik Deutschland ''

A courtesy translation is attached.

Respectfully yours,



Washington, D.C., January 31, 1985

COURTESY TRANSLATION

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Your visit will, I am convinced, afford an opportunity to highlight the ties of friendship existing between our States and peoples at a time that will attract special attention for historical and political reasons. This friendship is an exceptional achievement of the political wisdom of important statesmen - Germans and Americans alike. It is founded on the will for peace, freedom and justice. Your visit will strengthen still further these shared values. For me personally, it will be a particular pleasure to resume the talks that I had with you whilst Governing Mayor of Berlin.

As regards the details of the program for your visit, I would like to suggest that they be agreed through the usual diplomatic channels.

With best regards,

Richard von Weizsaecker''

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SUBJECT: GERMAN INVITATION TO PRES FOR VISIT AFTER BONN SUMMIT IN MAY

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