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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1985

Dear Mr. Monteilh:

On behalf of President Reagan, I wish to acknowledge receipt of the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors regarding the President's decision to visit the military cemetery at Bitburg, West Germany.

Your sending of this statement is appreciated, and the views contained in it have been communicated to the appropriate Administration officials. I am taking the liberty of enclosing copies of the President's speeches at Bitburg Air Base and the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp that you may wish to have available for the record.

With the President's best wishes to you and to the members of Board,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

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April 23, 1985

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

At its meeting held April 23, 1985, on motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the enclosed resolution, relating to your proposed visit to the cemetery at Bitburg.

Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum abstained from voting on this matter.

Very truly yours,

LARRY J. MONTEILH
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

By

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn

WHEREAS, the decision of President Ronald Reagan to visit the cemetery at Bitburg, where many of the SS Troopers are buried, would be an affront to millions of American people, whose friends and relatives died during the Nazi holocaust in concentration camps in World War II; and

WHEREAS, there are other sites he could visit, in the spirit of reconciliation, such as the grave of former German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, or the graves of the American and allied soldiers at Luxembourg:


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles respectfully request that President Reagan change his plans and visit some other location, other than the cemetery at Bitburg.

The foregoing resolution was, on the twenty-third day of April, 1985, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts, by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Kenneth Hahn, Deane Dana,
Michael D. Antonovich, and
Edmund D. Edelman

Noes: None

Abstain: Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum


LARRY J. MONTEILH
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT BERGEN-BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP

Federal Republic of Germany
May 5, 1985

Chancellor Kohl and honored guests. This painful walk into the past has done much more than remind us of the war that consumed the European continent. What we have seen makes unforgettably clear that no one of the rest of us can fully understand the enormity of the feelings carried by the victims of these camps.

The survivors carry a memory beyond anything that we can comprehend. The awful evil started by one man, an evil that victimized all the world with its destruction, was uniquely destructive of the millions forced into the grim abyss of these camps.

Here lie people — Jews — whose death was inflicted for no reason other than their very existence. Their pain was borne only because of who they were and because of the God in their prayers. Alongside them lay many Christians — Catholics and Protestants.

For year after year, until that man and his evil were destroyed, hell yawned forth its awful contents. People were brought here for no other purpose but to suffer and die. To go unfed when hungry — uncared for when sick — tortured when the whim struck — and left to have misery consume them when all there was around them was misery.

I'm sure we all share similar first thoughts. And that is: What of the youngsters who died at this dark stalag? All was gone for them forever. Not to feel again the warmth of life's sunshine and promise; not the laughter and the splendid ache of growing up; nor the consoling embrace of a family. Try to think of being young and never having a day without searing emotional and physical pain — desolate, unrelieved pain.

Today, we've been grimly reminded why the commandant of this camp was named, "Beast of Belsen." Above all, we're struck by the horror of it all — the monstrous, incomprehensible horror. And that's what we've seen, but is what we can never understand as the victims did. Nor with all our compassion can we feel what the survivors feel to this day and what they will feel as long as they live.

What we've felt and are expressing with words cannot convey the suffering that they endured. That is why history will forever brand what happened as the Holocaust.

Here, death ruled. But we've learned something as well. Because of what happened, we found that death cannot rule forever. And that's why we're here today. We're here because humanity refuses to accept that freedom of the spirit of man can ever be extinguished. We're here to commemorate that life triumphed over the tragedy and the death of the Holocaust — overcame the suffering, the sickness, the testing, and, yes, the gassings.

We're here today to confirm that the horror cannot outlast hope — and that even from the worst of all things, the best may come forth. Therefore, even out of this overwhelming sadness, there must be some purpose. And there is. It comes to us through the transforming love of God.

We learn from the Talmud that, "It was only through suffering that the children of Israel obtained three priceless and coveted gifts: The Torah, the Land of Israel, and the World to Come." Yes, out of

this sickness — as crushing and cruel as it was — there was hope for the world as well as for the World to Come. Out of the ashes — hope. And from all the pain — promise.

So much of this is symbolized today by the fact that most of the leadership of free Germany is represented here today. Chancellor Kohl, you and your countrymen have made real the renewal that had to happen. Your nation and the German people have been strong and resolute in your willingness to confront and condemn the acts of a hated regime of the past. This reflects the courage of your people and their devotion to freedom and justice since the war. Think how far we've come from that time when despair made these tragic victims wonder if anything could survive.

As we flew here from Hanover, low over the greening farms and the emerging springtime of the lovely German countryside, I reflected — and there must have been a time when the prisoners at Bergen-Belsen, and those of every other camp, must have felt the springtime was gone forever from their lives. Surely we can understand that when we see what is around us — all these children of God, under bleak and lifeless mounds, the plainness of which does not even hint at the unspeakable acts that created them. Here they lie. Never to hope. Never to pray. Never to love. Never to heal. Never to laugh. Never to cry.

And too many of them knew that this was their fate. But that was not the end. Through it all was their faith and a spirit that moved their faith.

Nothing illustrates this better than the story of a young girl who died here at Bergen-Belsen. For more than two years Anne Frank and her family had hidden from the Nazis in a confined annex in Holland where she kept a remarkably profound diary. Betrayed by an informant, Anne and her family were sent by freight car first to Auschwitz and finally here to Bergen-Belsen.

Just three weeks before her capture, young Anne wrote these words: "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them because in spite of everything I still believe that people are good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness. I hear the ever approaching thunder which will destroy us, too; I can feel the suffering of millions and yet, if I looked up into the heavens I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end and that peace and tranquillity will return again." Eight months later, this sparkling young life ended here at Bergen-Belsen.

Somewhere here lies Anne Frank. Everywhere here are memories — pulling us, touching us, making us understand that they can never be erased. Such memories take us where God intended his children to go — toward learning, toward healing, and, above all, toward redemption. They beckon us through the endless stretches of our heart to the knowing commitment that the life of each individual can change the world and make it better.

We're all witnesses. We share the glistening hope that rests in every human soul. Hope leads us, if we're prepared to trust it, toward what our President Lincoln called, "the better angels of our nature." And then rising above all this cruelty, out of this tragic and nightmarish time, beyond the anguish, the pain and the suffering for all time, we can and must pledge. . . .

Never again.

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT BITBURG AIR BASE

Federal Republic of Germany
May 5, 1985

Thank you very much. I have just come from the cemetery where German war dead lay at rest. No one could visit there without deep and conflicting emotions. I felt great sadness that history could be filled with such waste, destruction, and evil. But my heart was also lifted by the knowledge that from the ashes has come hope and that from the terrors of the past we have built 40 years of peace, freedom, and reconciliation among our nations.

This visit has stirred many emotions in the American and German people, too. I've received many letters since first deciding to come to Bitburg cemetery; some supportive, others deeply concerned and questioning, and others opposed. Some old wounds have been reopened, and this I regret very much because this should be a time of healing.

To the veterans and families of American servicemen who still carry the scars and feel the painful losses of that war, our gesture of reconciliation with the German people today in no way minimizes our love and honor for those who fought and died for our country. They gave their lives to rescue freedom in its darkest hour. The alliance of democratic nations that guards the freedom of millions in Europe and America today stands as living testimony that their noble sacrifice was not in vain.

No, their sacrifice was not in vain. I have to tell you that nothing will ever fill me with greater hope than the sight of two former war heroes who met today at the Bitburg ceremony; each among the bravest of the brave; each an enemy of the other 40 years ago; each a witness to the horrors of war. But today they came together, American and German, General Matthew B. Ridgway and General Johanner Steinhoff, reconciled and united for freedom. They reached over the graves to one another like brothers and grasped their hands in peace.

To the survivors of the Holocaust: Your terrible suffering has made you ever vigilant against evil. Many of you are worried that reconciliation means forgetting. Well, I promise you, we will never forget. I have just come this morning from Bergen-Belsen where the horror of that terrible crime, the Holocaust, was forever burned upon my memory. No, we will never forget, and we say with the victims of that Holocaust: "Never again."

The war against one man's totalitarian dictatorship was not like other wars. The evil war of Nazism turned all values upside down. Nevertheless, we can mourn the German war dead today as human beings, crushed by a vicious ideology.

There are over 2,000 buried in Bitburg cemetery. Among them are 48 members of the SS. The crimes of the SS must rank among the most heinous in human history. But others buried there were simply soldiers in the German Army. How many were fanatical followers of a dictator and willfully carried out his cruel orders? And how many were conscripts, forced into service during the death throes of the Nazi war machine? We do not know. Many, however, we know from the dates on their tombstones, were only teenagers at the time. There is one boy buried there who died a week before his 16th birthday.

There were thousands of such soldiers to whom Nazism meant no more than a brutal end to a short life. We do not believe in collective guilt. Only God can look into the human heart, and all these men have now met their Supreme Judge, and they have been judged by Him as we shall all be judged. Our

duty today is to mourn the human wreckage of totalitarianism, and today in Bitburg cemetery we commemorated the potential good in humanity that was consumed back then, 40 years ago. Perhaps if that 15-year-old soldier had lived, he would have joined his fellow countrymen in building this new democratic Federal Republic of Germany devoted to human dignity and the defense of freedom that we celebrate today. Or perhaps his children, or his grandchildren, might be among you here today at the Bitburg Air Base where new generations of Germans and Americans join together in friendship and common cause, dedicating their lives to preserving peace and guarding the security of the free world.

Too often in the past each war only planted the seeds of the next. We celebrate today the reconciliation between our two nations that has liberated us from that cycle of destruction. Look at what together we've accomplished. We who were enemies are now friends; we who were bitter adversaries are now the strongest of allies. In the place of fear we've sown trust, and out of the ruins of war has blossomed an enduring peace. Tens of thousands of Americans have served in this town over the years. As the Mayor of Bitburg has said, in that time there have been some 6,000 marriages between Germans and Americans, and many thousands of children have come from these unions. This is the real symbol of our future together, a future to be filled with hope, friendship, and freedom.

The hope that we see now could sometimes even be glimpsed in the darkest days of the war. I'm thinking of one special story — that of a mother and her young son living alone in a modest cottage in the middle of the woods. And one night as the Battle of the Bulge exploded not far away, and around them, three young American soldiers arrived at their door — they were standing there in the snow, lost behind enemy lines. All were frostbitten; one was badly wounded. Even though sheltering the enemy was punishable by death, she took them in and made them a supper with some of her last food.

And then, they heard another knock at the door. And this time four German soldiers stood there. The woman was afraid, but she quickly said with a firm voice, "There will be no shooting here." She made all the soldiers lay down their weapons, and they all joined in the makeshift meal. Heinz and Willi, it turned out, were only 16; the corporal was the oldest at 23. Their natural suspicion dissolved in the warmth and the comfort of the cottage. One of the Germans, a former medical student, tended the wounded American.

But now, listen to the rest of the story through the eyes of one who was there, now a grown man, but that young lad that had been her son. He said, "Then Mother said grace. I noticed that there were tears in her eyes as she said the old, familiar words, 'Komm, Herr Jesus. Be our guest.' And as I looked around the table, I saw tears, too, in the eyes of the battle-weary soldiers, boys again, some from America, some from Germany, all far from home."

That night — as the storm of war tossed the world — they had their own private armistice. The next morning the German corporal showed the Americans how to get back behind their own lines. And they all shook hands and went their separate ways. That happened to be Christmas Day, 40 years ago.

Those boys reconciled briefly in the midst of war. Surely, we allies in peacetime should honor the reconciliation of the last 40 years.

To the people of Bitburg, our hosts and the hosts of our servicemen, like that generous woman 40 years ago, you make us feel very welcome. Vielen dank. (Applause.)

And to the men and women of Bitburg Air Base, I just want to say that we know that even with such wonderful hosts, your job is not an easy one. You serve around the clock far from home, always ready to defend freedom. We are grateful and we are very proud of you.

Four decades ago we waged a great war to lift the darkness of evil from the world, to let men and women in this country and in every country live in the sunshine of liberty. Our victory was great and the Federal Republic, Italy, and Japan are now in the community of free nations. But the struggle for freedom is not complete, for today much of the world is still cast in totalitarian darkness.

Twenty-two years ago President John F. Kennedy went to the Berlin Wall and proclaimed that he, too, was a Berliner. Well, today freedom-loving people around the world must say: I am a Berliner, I am a Jew in a world still threatened by anti-Semitism, I am an Afghan, and I am a prisoner of the Gulag, I am a refugee in a crowded boat foundering off of the coast of Vietnam, I am a Laotian, a Cambodian, a Cuban, and a Miskito Indian in Nicaragua. I, too, am a potential victim of totalitarianism.

The one lesson of World War II, the one lesson of Nazism, is that freedom must always be stronger than totalitarianism and that good must always be stronger than evil. The moral measure of our two nations will be found in the resolve we show to preserve liberty, to protect life, and to honor and cherish all God's children.

That is why the free, democratic Federal Republic of Germany is such a profound and hopeful testament to the human spirit. We cannot undo the crimes and wars of yesterday, nor call the millions back to life, but we can give meaning to the past by learning its lessons and making a better future. We can let our pain drive us to greater efforts to heal humanity's suffering.

Today I have traveled 220 miles from Bergen-Belsen, and, I feel, 40 years in time. With the lessons of the past firmly in our minds, we have turned a new, brighter page in history.

One of the many who wrote me about this visit was a young woman who had recently been Bat Mitzvahed. She urged me to lay the wreath at Bitburg Cemetery in honor of the future of Germany. And that is what we've done.

On this 40th anniversary of World War II, we mark the day when the hate, the evil, and the obscenity was ended, and we commemorate the rekindling of the democratic spirit in Germany.

There's much to make us hopeful on this historic anniversary. One of the symbols of that hope was, a little while ago, when we heard a German band playing the American National Anthem and an American band playing the German National Anthem. While much of the world still huddles in the darkness of oppression, we can see a new dawn of freedom sweeping the globe. And we can see in the new democracies of Latin America, in the new economic freedoms and prosperity in Asia, in the slow movement toward peace in the Middle East, and in the strengthening alliance of democratic nations in Europe and America that the light from that dawn is growing stronger.

Together, let us gather in that light and walk out of the shadow. Let us live in peace.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

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June 20, 1985

Dear Justice McKay:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your message of April 23. I appreciate more than I can say your kind and generous words.

My purpose was never to suggest we forgive and forget, and I found that today's Germans do not suggest such a thing. They have preserved the camps with evidence of all the horror of the Holocaust, and they say along with us, "Never again."

You were kind to write as you did and your message means a great deal to me.

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

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What Mr. Reagan Might Say

By William Murchison
Associate Editor

Suggested speech for delivery by President Reagan at the Bitburg military cemetery, West Germany, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the ending of World War II.

DISTINGUISHED visitors, friends of humanity. It is a historic moment we mark here — the end of the bloodiest, most brutal war in all



history; such a war as, please God, mankind will never fight again.

How brutal, how bloody I think we can judge from the fact that, 40 years later, passions still run high concerning that war. There are those who asked me not to come to this place. Particularly was I moved by the plea of Eli Weisel, the writer, at a ceremony in which he received this country's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom.

THE HORRORS that Mr. Weisel and millions of others saw in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany — may mankind never again see such horrors.

It seems to me right and fitting to remember the victims. I cannot emphasize too strongly that they were innocent victims, from babies to the very oldest people, preyed on by a brutal ideology that identified them as "subhuman." The world can never be permitted to forget their fate. This is why I elected

on this trip to visit the death camp of Bergen-Belsen.

Then why am I here, at a cemetery where lie the remains of soldiers who died for the regime that operated the death camps? For a good reason, I hope. To draw attention to something that has received far too little attention — the common lot of World War II's dead. The military, the civilians; the Allies, the Axis; the old, the young; the prisoners, the captors.

I WOULD ask you please to understand. This is not another way of saying, they're all dead, what's the use of talking about it? That would be obscene.

It seems to me that we have to ask why they died. There are, of course, many reasons, but one is larger than the rest.

They died because one man infected a group of men, who then infected a whole country, and afterward a continent.

Infected them with what? With something radically evil, yes, and also radically modern: the notion that man needs no gods to guide his footsteps; needs no standards or traditions — only the light of his inner vision.

The Jewish and the Christian traditions both tell us that the first and great commandment is: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

Totalitarianism — to put a name to the evil I speak of — says, no! God is a majestic irrelevance. Forget Him. Man is what counts. Man himself can be God, by his own efforts, his own exertions.

So man builds idea systems, and into them he pours his ideal-

ism and visions; yes, and his rages and frustrations and petty, narrow obsessions.

One such system he calls Nazism. For the kingdom of God, he substitutes the nation-state; for God Himself, a fuhrer; for love, hatred; for peace, war. What can such a system result in — but death and destruction for all who come within its compass?

Thousands of Nazism's victims lie at Bergen-Belsen. Thousands lie here at Bitburg. Sacrifices alike to the mad vision of evil men.

But I would do wrong to encourage you to think that the evil died here, 40 years ago. One great totalitarian system lies in ruins. Another lives. It is called communism.

I know this offends many in the West who see communism as just another economic system, slightly misguided and more than a little behind the times.

NOT SO. For what is its kingdom of heaven? The oppression of millions by thousands. What is its God? The Communist Party, all-wise, all-knowing.

The distinctions between Nazism and communism are minute, having more to do with style than with substance. Communism, too, had its death camps, described so eloquently in Alexander Solzhenitsyn's *Gulag Archipelago*. As Hitler himself said, in 1934, "There is more that binds us to Bolshevism than separates us from it."

It is worth remembering, on such occasions as this, that Josef Stalin and Adolf Hitler were for all practical purposes allies on the day World War II began; that, indeed, their alliance made pos-

sible the German invasion of Poland, an invasion in which Stalin joined only 2½ weeks later. On the eve of Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union in June 1941, Stalin was supplying the oil that ran the *Wehrmacht's* tanks and dive bombers.

Nor is all this a matter of merely historical interest. In Afghanistan, Soviet totalitarianism marches on. Hundreds of thousands of Afghans have perished in the flames of an Asian Holocaust.

On German soil lie millions of totalitarianism's victims. How we all wish they were the last. How we mourn that they are not. Let us do them, then, the homage of remembering, and deploring, the evil that took their lives.

Let us do them a still greater homage — that of vowing, never again! No more following of evil visions, no more spurning of God, whose broad arms enfold alike Jews, Christians, Germans, Americans, men, women and children of every race and color.

From death let the world rise to life.

God bless you all.

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President Ronald Reagan
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed copy of a column in
The Dallas Morning News struck me
as being very appropriate for you
in your upcoming trip to Germany.

I thought you might like
to have a copy.

Sincerely,
Connally McKay

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. PHILIP MABRY

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF VISIT TO GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY AND IN SUPPORT OF U.S. POLICY IN
CENTRAL AMERICA

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WASHINGTON

May 2, 1985

Dear Mr. Mabry:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your expression of support for his visit to a German cemetery and also for your support of his policies in Central America.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert R. Reilly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert R. Reilly
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Phil Mabry
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Bob Rilly

Hon. President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

April 21, 1985

Dear Mr. President,

We would like to commend you Sir, for your stand to visit the German cemetery and for not giving in to the cries of the left. Please know that there are many of us who support and stand with you Mr. President, we also admire you for your stand on the F.D.N. Freedom Fighters and we are doing all that we can here in Texas to inform the people and get the needed medical supplies, food, and clothing for the Freedom Fighters.

In December we took a much needed generator down to the F.D.N. in New Orleans to Mario Calero to be sent to their field hospital. There IS much grass roots support for your call to aid the Contras. We have many volunteers who go down to Honduras as well, at their own cost of time and money, because we care about freedom.

We shall be calling on many congressmen this week to get them to vote for the Contra funding and to support you, Mr. President. We hope that on our next trip to Washington that we might get to meet with you Sir, and tell you first hand of the strong grass roots support that you have all over the country.

In the past we have met with Col. Oliver North and Mrs. Carolyn B. Sundseth and told them of our work and support for the Contras. Our support and our prayers go with you Sir, thank you and God be with and bless you!

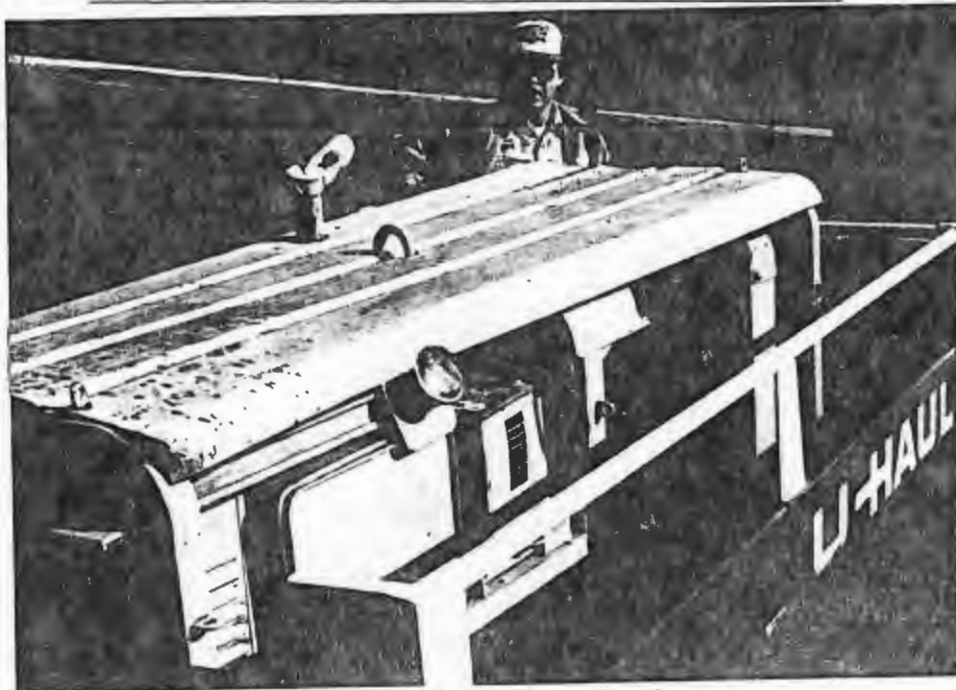
Respectfully,

Phil Mabry, Chairman AHR SJ, Inc.
Randy Pearce, Vice Chairman.



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THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

Phil Mabry, Chairman
A.H.R.S.J.

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"Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord..."

Psalm 33:12

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DONALD C. ALLGROVE

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY

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April 22, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

May I lend my support to those of my constituents who believe it is improper, if not a travesty, to visit the military cemetery at Bitburg.

Much has already been revealed by the media to project salient substantiation for a reconsideration and rescheduling of your proposed visitation to Germany. I would hope that this request, made by an individual who has compassion for others and understands their painful memories and agonies, will not fall on deaf ears.

Please take this entreaty under due consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Donald C. Allgrove
Legislator, Sixth L.D.

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NORMAN C. ROETTGER JR.

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF DECISION TO VISIT
GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1985

Dear Judge Roettger:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan last week. It is certainly the President's hope that his entire trip will be viewed in the context of establishing a strong Europe to face the difficulties that will mark the balance of this century. He appreciates the thoughtful letters such as yours from citizens who have tried to understand his mission and who listen to his remarks as a whole and not in piecemeal fashion. He joins me in thanking you for your expression of support.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Norman C. Roettger, Jr.
United States District Court
Southern District of Florida
299 East Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



April 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

HUGH HEWITT *HH*

SUBJECT:

Letter from Judge Roettger re: Germany Trip

I have attached for your review and signature a response to Judge Roettger (S.D. Fla) who wrote the President supporting the trip to Germany and the view that some German soldiers were also the victims of Nazis.

Attachment

*Thanks - good etc -
In future etc - if any
I think we should
also stress spirit
of reconciliation to a
degree -
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JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
299 EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301

NORMAN C. ROETTGER, JR.
JUDGE

Personal and Unofficial

April 22, 1985

Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your visit to a German cemetery seems to fit in perfectly with a program of looking ahead to greater cooperation with our strong ally; I suspect it will no doubt be received with appreciation by the German people.

I quite agree with your comment that some young German soldiers were also victims of Nazi aggression. When I was on active duty for training in the Naval Reserve several years ago, the Commander's secretary was an American naval officer's wife, apparently a German war bride. I well remember her personal experience of that nature: her only sibling, a 13 year old brother, was sent to the Russian front and was killed within two weeks time. The anguish she clearly still felt about his loss was a perfect illustration to me of what you are expressing about those German teenagers being victims, as well.

I think that most people in the country regard this as a tempest in a teapot. Its gotten the news media excited because they haven't been able to lay a glove on you in over four years. I speak not only as a veteran but also as one who served for more than 20 years in the Naval Reserve after finishing my three years active duty at sea.

Keep up the good work!

Most respectfully,


Norman C. Roettger, Jr.

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI ELI HECHT

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN TO ELIE
WIESEL AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLE AND WRITES OF
SUPPORT FOR RECENT DECISIONS

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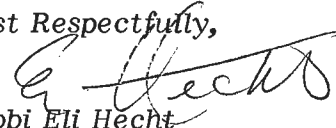
Secretary
Rabbi Daniel Lapin

Dear President Reagan;

Treasurer
Rabbi Rubin Huttler

*I would like to share some sentiments with you, please accept
my article as support for your recent decisions.*

Most Respectfully,



Rabbi Eli Hecht

President,

Rabbinical Council of California

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Encl: Article: 40 Years After Holocaust, Germany Bemoans Dresden.

Letter to Mr. Elie Wiesel

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22 April 1985

*Mr. Elie Wiesel**Boston University**University Professors**745 Commonwealth Avenue**Boston, Massachusetts 02215**Dear Mr. Wiesel;*

It has been some time that I learned that you were to receive a Congressional Gold Medal. As a concerned Jewish leader, I found the acknowledgment by our government to be a very altruistic and laudable act, for never has the American people displayed such an interest and reverence to the Holocaust and your writings. However, I wish to address myself to your actions and remarks at the medal presentation and ceremony.

Mr. Wiesel, in all your writings, I and many others, find a consistent and underlying message, the harsh reality that Jews can't trust anyone. In the transcript printed in the Los Angeles Time, Saturday, April 20, you state the following: "Today is April 19, and April 19, 1943, the Warsaw ghetto rose in arms against the onslaught of the Nazis. They were so few and so young and so helpless, and nobody came to their help, and they had to fight what was then the mightiest legion in Europe....Every underground received help except the Jewish underground, and yet they managed to fight and resist and push back those Nazis and their accomplices for six weeks, and yet the leaders of the Free World, Mr. President, knew everything and did so little or nothing, or at least nothing specifically to save Jewish children from death.... I am reminded of the great moral essayist, the gentle and forceful Abe

Rosenthal, having visited Auschwitz once wrote an extraordinary reportage about the persecution of Jews, and he called it, 'Forgive Them Not Father, For They Knew What They Did.' "

It seems that with all your gentle and clever words, you played into the very same trap that you continually admonish us to avoid! Don't trust the world leaders, for as you wisely suggest, they will let you down in a time of need. Now it seems you have not followed your advice, you have trusted our President, and he has proved you right! You just can't trust anyone. You disregarded the very lesson you espouse! So now you feel deceived.

How be it that the President, who cares for the Holocaust, decided, after all is said and done, to do what he was advised to do - to visit the death camp and the German cemetery simultaneously. All this is contrary to what you and many others believe. The answer to this quandary is that our President and his staff will keep on doing what they believe is good for our nation, regardless of what you have decided. Mr. Reagan stated, and keeps on stating unequivocally that he knew not of the SS soldiers buried at the Bitburg Cemetery at the time this trip was planned, nor was he very pleased about the fact. The President did choose to stick to his itinerary, this in respect, regardless of the blunder made by his staff. As our elected leader, he surely has his reasons, that's where things should have stopped.

Mr. Wiesel, you have a responsibility, nay, an obligation to all of us - you must say what has to be said. But, you had no right what-so-ever to say it where you said it. To shame the President publicly and chastise him after what he did for you. I quote "I implore you to find another way...That place, Mr. President, is not your place. Your place is with the victims of the SS." That you should speak so brazenly to the President is most distasteful and a disservice to many of us. The President believes in true justice and democracy. Certainly, Mr. Reagan knows the heinous behavior of the SS Waffen and their kind, as do all those who have been involved in the Allied war effort have a rather healthy understanding. Those comforting and reassuring words "For years I have said it, and I will say it again today, and I will say it again on that occasion, we must never forget the Holocaust, nor should we permit such an atrocity to happen ever again. Never again", uttered by the President, speak of leadership and of friendship to the Jewish nation.

Mr. Wiesel, besides being guilty of berating the President publicly, you also gave pardon to the German nation, something Mr. Reagan has not done, by your statement "But, Mr. President, I know and I understand, we all do, that you seek reconciliation -

but so do I, so do we. And I, too, wish to attain true reconciliation with the German people. I do not believe in collective guilt nor in collective responsibility. Only the killers were guilty. Their sons and daughters are not.", is something incredible! How your greatest moment ended with such a perfidious belief is unfathomable and unforgivable. You started with chastising the President for not doing enough for the victims of the Holocaust, and then you turn around and blaspheme by forgiving the Germans!

I end with the following sentiment. You felt that you must speak, but now I wonder why the American people gave you an honor, and you did not repay them with honor. A President should be understood and not criticized when he gives you a medal. For one who understands the minds and emotions of world leadership, I am astonished with your acceptance speech. Perhaps you are changing, perhaps we sometimes forget ourselves when we are on the top.

There is a well known dictum, "One should not throw rocks into the well that we drink from." I do hope you will keep to your writings and practice your beliefs, but for G-d sake, use restraint in the future!

As King Solomon wisely said " A time to keep silent and a time to speak out." (Ecclesiastes 3.7)

Most Sincerely,


Rabbi Eli Hecht

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COMMENTARY

40 Years After Holocaust, Germany Bemoans Dresden

By RABBI ELI HECHT

To err is human, to forgive divine!

This April marks the anniversary of the liberation of the death camps. It's been some 40 years since the end of the long and destructive war. The end of the Fatherland dream of a "Deutschland uber alles" has come and the hellish slaughter has been brought to an end.

Great speeches are held and resolutions made. Never will despots and tyrants rule the world. Genocide, an unthinkable word. The clergy intones: "We are one people; have we not one Father?"

Religious leaders preach, "Forgive and forget." Forge ahead, and it will never ever happen again. Words of comfort and determination are heard over and over.

Now, alas, Germany speaks again! I hear a voice so unnerving, so ghostly, accusing, damning, and most of all, arrogant. "I do not believe in collective guilt," states the new German leadership. "As Germans, we will bear the responsibility. But this we do *only* because we are a noble and proper people! Our Teutonic nation has the funds; guilt is of the past! We are the new wonder nation, a new generation of enlightened people. Why make us suffer for sins of a crazy, perverse past, a possessed Germany of old times? Things have changed. Yes, the shame is gone."

How strange, the *Los Angeles Times*, Sunday, February 10, 1985, runs an article with the head: "40th Anniversary of Allied Attack on Defenseless City. Bitterness Over Dresden Raid Remains." In a UPI report by Philip Williams, we are told that Dresden citizens and leaders will not forgive us for the awful Allied fire-bombing.

Dresden Mayor Gerhard Schill is quoted as saying, "Dresden had no strategic importance. It was full of refugees and was one of the world's most celebrated architectural treasures. The raid was barbaric."

When asked for the exact numbers of refugee deaths, whether it was 100,000 or 130,000, the report says that the good mayor was "clipped and grim on the subject."

"Isn't 35,000 enough?" he said. It seems we have been bombed needlessly, you Americans and British will carry the guilt, the hurt is forever, they seem to say. Perhaps Mayor Schill should try to count six million Jews when he thinks of numbers!

The front-page head of the *Wall Street Journal*, Tuesday, February 19, reads, "Inheritors of Sin, Bonn's Policy Makers Are

Still Handicapped by the Nazis' Misdeeds; Forced to Dwell On the Past, They Pursue World Goals with Vigor Held in Check; Time to Move on to Future?"

The German leadership is hurting and is resentful. The new Germany bemoans its plight that the world will not forgive and allow them to move ahead in the right direction — how insensitive!

The paper reports the following "DACHAU, West Germany. — Do Not Forget. For Alois Merdes, who was a German soldier and 23 years old when the war ended, the words stand for something that he must deal with every day as he helps formulate West German foreign policy.

"I totally reject the notion of collective guilt," says the deputy foreign minister. "But it belongs to the dignity and ethics of German foreign policy never to forget that these things were done in the German name."

Who would believe that I, as a proud American citizen, would be reading this; how in a short 40-year span we Americans would be blamed for barbaric acts on a defenseless city. The German nation did engulf the entire world in flame and death. They, in their cruel methodical ways, brought total annihilation to millions. The devastation of so many countries and cultures will never be understood.

They will not forgive us — yet they, in their New Germany, ask to be allowed to forget. Well, Germany must learn its lessons better! It's only because of our troops and spilt blood that the nature of your beast has not been allowed to conquer itself.

Whether our president visits the death camps on his visit to Germany is not of great importance; the fact of remembering and not forgiving is! Remembering the Holocaust and its perpetrators is what furthers goodness, understanding, and the uplifting of civilization.

True, it's human to err, but only the Divine can forgive.

The writer is president of the Rabbinical Council of California.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR 123-01

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. TEODORAS BLINSTRUBAS

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT SOVIET OCCUPATION OF LITHUANIA
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S/S 8513266

Date May 21, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

TO: President Reagan From: Mr. Teodoras Blinstrubas
Date: April 22, 1985 Subject: Soviet Occupation
of Lithuania

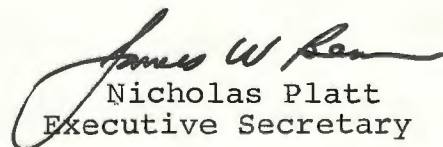
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Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
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- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

Remarks.


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Teodoras Blinstrubas
National President
Lithuanian American Council, Inc.
2606 West 63rd Street
Chicago, IL 60629

Dear Mr. Blinstrubas:

The White House has asked me to respond to your letter asking that the President consider raising the issue of freedom for occupied Lithuania with Chancellor Kohl and putting the question of freedom for Lithuania on the agenda in any future meeting with Secretary Gorbachev.

The United States government has long refused to accept the forcible incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into the Soviet Union. This bipartisan stand has been reaffirmed by every President since Franklin D. Roosevelt and it is the cornerstone of our Baltic policy.

The President shares your concern about the human rights situation in the Baltic republics, and this Administration has expressed these concerns to the Soviet Government on numerous occasions. While the agenda for the President's brief visit to Europe has already been set, you can be assured that when the President speaks of freedom and the eventual restoration of human dignity and liberty for all captive peoples, he has in mind the Baltic peoples as well as the other victims of repressive regimes.

With regard to future meetings with Secretary Gorbachev, you can be assured that human rights concerns will be on the agenda.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Richard E. Combs, Jr.
Director
Office of Eastern European
and Yugoslav Affairs

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

APRIL 30, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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ID: 301881

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 22, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. TEODORAS BLINSTRUBAS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.
2606 WEST 63RD STREET
CHICAGO IL 60629

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT SOVIET OCCUPATION OF LITHUANIA
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2606 W. 63rd ST. CHICAGO, ILL., 60629 PHONE 778-6900 / 778-6901

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: April 22, 1985

To: The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

From: Lithuanian American Council
Chicago, Illinois

Subject: U.S.A. President's Visit to the Federal
Republic of Germany

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On behalf of the Lithuanian American Council, the coordinating council for the major Lithuanian American organizations, we would request that during your visit to the Federal Republic of Germany and its Chancellor Kohl the Soviet occupation of Lithuania be addressed.

In the 1984 session of the European Parliament, the Parliament adopted a resolution that in 1985 the Soviet occupation of Lithuania and freedom for Lithuania be considered by the Parliament and by other international organizations. West German Chancellor Kohl is well informed about the Soviet occupation of Lithuania through the European Parliament representatives who are members of his own Christian Democratic Party.

The Lithuanian American Council on behalf of all Lithuanian Americans requests that you include freedom for Lithuania in your discussion with Chancellor Kohl especially because of your future meeting with the newly selected Soviet Secretary General Gorbachev.

The Helsinki, Belgrade and Madrid conferences considered not only human rights but also considered national freedom. These conferences confirmed these principles of human rights and national freedom as set forth in the Atlantic Charter and at the Yalta conference. The Soviet Union as a signatory to the Atlantic Charter, the Yalta Conference and the Helsinki Agreement is bound by their resolutions. Nonetheless, the Soviet Union

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1985

TO: The Honorable Ronald Reagan
FROM: Lithuanian American Council

has not abided by these resolutions based on strained interventions of these accords. The United States along with the other western democracies has not recognized the forceful occupation of the Lithuanian nation by the Soviet Union and has spoken in favor of the restoration of Lithuanian freedom and democracy.

Therefore, Mr. President, we ask you when you meet with Chancellor Kohl to seriously consider raising the issue of freedom for occupied Lithuania with the Chancellor and putting on the agenda the question of freedom for Lithuania in your future meeting with Secretary General of the Soviet Union Gorbachev.

Respectfully,

Teodoras Blinstrubas
Teodoras Blinstrubas
National President
Lithuanian American Council

Jonas Valaitis
Dr. Jonas Valaitis
First Vice President
Lithuanian American Council

THE WHITE HOUSE
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TR123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS BERNICE S. TANNENBAUM

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE WORLD'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION-AMERICAN SECTION HAS BEEN A STAUNCH APPLAUDER OF THE SPLENDID ROLE YOUR ADMINISTRATION HAS PLAYED IN BRINGING COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATION AND ISRAEL TO THEIR HIGHEST POINT IN THE 37 YEAR HISTORY OF THE JEWISH STATE. THAT IS WHY WE ARE SO ANGUISHED THAT THIS ACHIEVEMENT WILL BE SCARRED IN HISTORY BY THE MISBEGOTTEN DECISION TO VISIT BITBURG CEMETARY. AS A CARING MAN WHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS ABHORRENCE OF NAZI GENOCIDE, MR PRESIDENT, WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE FIND A WAY TO AVOID THIS SERIOUS HISTORICAL MISTAKE. IT WOULD BE A STAIN ON THIS NATION AND ITS RESPECT FOR THOSE AMERICANS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SO THAT THE NAZI SCOURGE SHOULD BE

ERASED FROM THIS EARTH.

BERNICE S TANNENBAUM CHAIRMAN THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
 AMERICAN SECTION
 515 PARK AVE
 NEW YORK NY 10022

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT S. ABRAMSON

SUBJECT: URGES RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TO VISIT
GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO VISIT THE
CEMETERY WHERE NAZI WAR DEAD ARE BURIED. YOUR DECISION AS AN
AFTERTHOUGHT TO VISIT A CONCENTRATION CAMP WILL NOT PLACATE BUT IS
INDEED AN INSULT TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDRENS SERVICES OF
COLORADO, ROBERT S. ABRAMSON, PRESIDENT
300 S DAHLIA #101
DENVER CO 80222

1635 EST

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MARTIN BEGUN

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

MR PRESIDENT. DO NOT GO TO BITBURG. YOUR VISIT TO A GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY TO HONOR SOLDIERS WHO MURDERED AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND RAN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS IS REPUGNANT. THOSE PEOPLE WERE THE INSTRUMENTS OF HITLER'S REIGN OF TERROR AND COMMITTED THE WORST ATROCITIES IN HISTORY. THEY SHOULD NOT BE HONORED BY AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT. YOUR EFFORTS AT RECONCILIATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS HONORING THOSE COURAGEOUS GERMANS WHO RESISTED THE NAZIS AND SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR A NOBLE CAUSE

MARTIN BEGUN, PRESIDENT
NEW YORK METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

15 EAST 84 ST

NEW YORK NY 10028

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. IRVING M. LEVINE

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY

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FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
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The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Irving M. Levine
DATE: April 24, 1985 SUBJECT: President's trip to
Germany

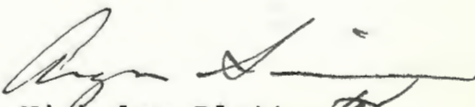
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REMARKS:


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Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

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FROM : _____
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 23, 1985

Mr. Irving M. Levine, Director
Institute for American Pluralism
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Levine:

I am replying to your April 24 telegram to President Reagan, cosigned by several community leaders, regarding his trip to the Federal Republic of Germany.

During his visit, the President made absolutely clear the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors committed in the name of the German state before and during World War II, and our determination not to forget them. His itinerary included a ceremony at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp to pay homage to those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the April 21 anniversary of the liberation of that camp and again during his own visit, "There can and should be no absolutism."

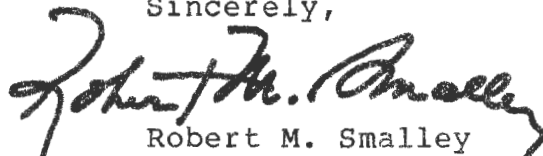
President Reagan strongly believes, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. In this spirit, he was asked by Chancellor Kohl, and accepted the invitation, to visit a German military cemetery in Bitburg.

For four decades, the Federal Republic of Germany has faced up to the guilt and responsibilities of its Nazi past. It has demonstrated concretely in countless ways its commitment to democratic ideals and human rights, including standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the Alliance in defense of freedom. The President's trip to Bitburg included a visit to the large Bitburg Air Base, which houses members of both the U.S. and German Air Forces.

It is important to demonstrate, particularly to the younger generation in Germany, that although we continue to hold the nation responsible for its past, we do not consider them to bear individual responsibility for the crimes of Nazism. The President did not consider his appearance at Bitburg to represent an act of forgiveness for those crimes. Rather, it was an acknowledgment of the democratic society the German people have built. He considered this to be a positive gesture which in no way detracted from his full and

heartfelt commitment to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust and the American soldiers who gave their lives to defeat the Nazi regime and its crimes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert M. Smalley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Robert M. Smalley
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. IRVING M. LEVINE
DIRECTOR
INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN PLURALISM
165 EAST 56TH STREET
NEW YORK NY XXXXX

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

AS A COALITION OF LEADERS IN WHITE ETHNIC, BLACK, HISPANIC AND ASIAN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, WE FEEL THAT YOUR VISIT TO THE MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG WOULD INSULT THE MEMORY OF THE AMERICANS,

EUROPEANS AND NORTH AFRICANS WHO DIED AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS.

THUS, WE ADD OUR UNITED VOICE TO THE CHORUS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AMERICAN VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, A MAJORITY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE INCLUDING LEADERS OF YOUR OWN PARTY, AND THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO CONTINUE TO MOURN FOR FATHERS, HUSBANDS, BROTHERS AND SONS SLAIN BY THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II, IN URGING YOU TO CANCEL YOUR VISIT TO THE CEMETERY.

WE FEEL THAT, BECAUSE SUCH A CEMETERY VISIT WOULD HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR PRINCIPLES REPUGANT TO AMERICANS, IT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE COMPASSION AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES OF OUR NATION. WE BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO REMEMBER AND COMMEMORATE THE EVENTS OF WORLD WAR II WHICH STAND OUT AGAINST THE LANDSCAPE OF HUMAN TRAGEDY.

WE ACCEPT YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE TRIP TO WEST GERMANY IS DESIGNED TO SHOW RESPECT FOR THE EVOLUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC INTO A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. BUT LAYING A WREATH AT THE GRAVES OF THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY AND OTHER VALUES AMERICANS CHERISH SERVES ONLY TO DIMINISH RESPECT FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ITS PRESIDENCY.

PERHAPS IT IS TRUE THAT MANY TEENAGE NAZI SOLDIERS BURIED AT BITBURG WERE CONSCRIPTED AGAINST THEIR WILL. WE ARE SORRY FOR THAT. BUT THEY BECAME PART OF A SYSTEM THAT ACTED IN A CONSISTENTLY BRUTAL PATTERN UNTIL THE VERY END OF THE WAR. THE ARMY THEY JOINED WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR, THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY AND THE MURDER OF CHRISTIANS IN EVERY NATION THAT GERMANY INVADED.

THE UNITED STATES AND, TODAY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ARE TWO OF THE WORLD'S GREAT DEMOCRACIES. BOTH NATIONS CAN SAVE FACE ONLY BY REMAINING FAITHFUL TO THE VALUES AND TRADITIONS THAT DISTINGISH THEM FROM NAZI GERMANY.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CANCEL YOUR VISIT TO THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG.

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 25, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CHARLES A. PERLIK JR.

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION BY THE NEWSPAPER GUILD'S
EXECUTIVE BOARD OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT
GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY

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Linda Chang

Ronald W. Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned members of The Newspaper Guild's International Executive Board, in session April 23, 1985, adopted the following resolution and urge your attention to it:

"President Reagan's obdurate decision to lay a wreath at the German military cemetery at Bitburg betrays blindness, insensitivity or both.

The cemetery contains the remains of 50 of the elite SS men who sent to their deaths the victims whose own memorial the President originally couldn't accommodate on his schedule.

It will not do to tell us that the cemetery also contains the bodies of hundreds of conscripted teen-age soldiers who were also Hitler's "victims" and that a hastily scheduled visit to a concentration camp will "balance" the cemetery salute.

If the soldiers are victims, they are victims of an order of magnitude dwarfed by the Holocaust as their gravestones are dwarfed by the smokestacks of Auschwitz.

Balance? On one side of the scales, a cemetery whose occupants are colored, in death as they were in life, by those of their number who set the agenda for the greatest act of inhumanity known to history. On the other, one of the camps in which more than six million Jews and -- let it not be forgotten -- Poles, Russians, Ukrainians, Gypsies, gays and others -- were sent to their deaths.

Better to stay home."

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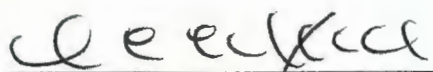
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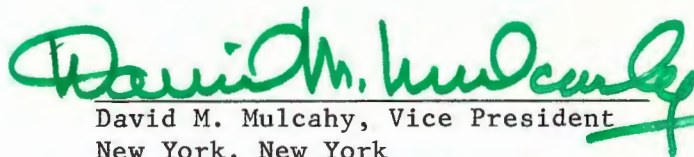
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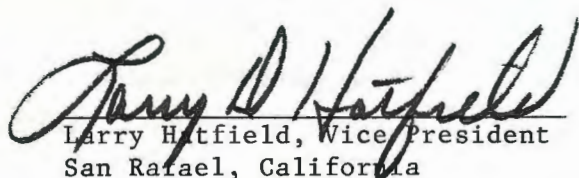
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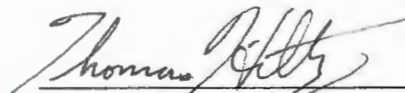
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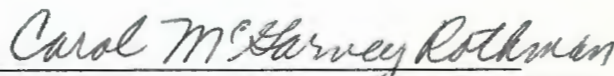
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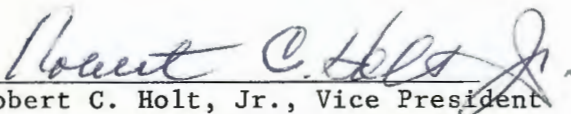
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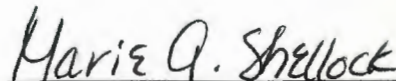
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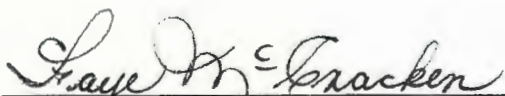
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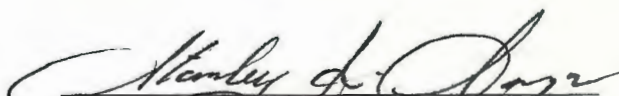
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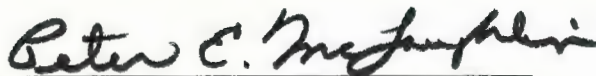
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROY M. GOODMAN

SUBJECT: URGES CANCELLING OF VISIT TO GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

AS A NEW YORK REPUBLICAN STATE SENATOR AND MANHATTAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN,
I RESPECTFULLY BUT EMPHATICALLY URGE YOU TO CANCEL YOUR PLANNED TRIP
TO THE BITBERG MILITARY CEMETERY. ALTHOUGH YOUR DECISION TO GO THERE

WAS ORIGINALLY MADE WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS, SUBSEQUENT
REVELATIONS REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF GRAVES OF SS BARBARIANS MAKES
SUCH A VISIT GRIEVOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE AMERICA AND GERMAN
PEOPLE. THE HOLOCAUST IN WHICH SEVERAL OF MY RELATIVES PERISHED MUST
FOREVER BE A BURNING AND SHAMEFUL MEMORY IN THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN
RACE.

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ROY M GOODMAN

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TOM BRADLEY

SUBJECT: URGFS RECONSIDERING DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN
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HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
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Ron Alvarado

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

I WRITE TO YOU FROM JAPAN WHILE ON A TRADE MISSION TO EXPAND TRADE AND COMMERCE BETWEEN MY CITY, LOS ANGELES, AND JAPAN,

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY TROUBLED AND DISTURBED I AM BY YOUR PLAN TO UTILIZE YOUR VISIT TO THE CEMETERY AT BURG, GERMANY TO SYMBOLIZE OUR COUNTRY'S FRIENDSHIP WITH POST WORLD WAR II GERMANY,

LIKE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, I FEEL SINCERE FRIENDSHIP FOR THE NEW GENERATION OF GERMANS AND SORROW FOR THOSE OF THEIR PARENT'S GENERATION WHO WERE COERCED INTO HITLER'S SERVICE AGAINST THEIR WILL. THOSE, HOWEVER, WHO VOLUNTEERED TO WEAR THE BLACK UNIFORM OF THE S.S. WILL, AND MUST, ALWAYS REMAIN A SYMBOL OF NAZI EVIL,

WE MUST NEVER FORGET, AND HUMANITY CAN NEVER FORGIVE, THE HORRORS THEY COMMITTED, BY PLACING A WREATH OF FRIENDSHIP AT BURG, YOU NOT ONLY SIGNAL FORGIVENESS BUT YOU AWAKEN NEW PAIN IN EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY WHICH LOST LOVED ONES TO THE S.S. AND THEIR CONCENTRATION CAMPS,

THERE ARE CLEARLY MORE APPROPRIATE WAYS, MR PRESIDENT, TO SHOW OUR FRIENDSHIP TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE, THE GRAVE OF PRESIDENT KONRAD ADENAUER, WHO LIVED THROUGH HITLER'S 3RD REICH AND WHO LED THE BUILDING OF A NEW GERMANY, IS ONLY ONE OF MANY APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVES,

MAY I URGE YOU, MR PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS WHO DESIRE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE GERMAN PEOPLE, THAT YOU RECONSIDER YOUR TRIP TO BURG, IT IS NOT TOO LATE,

VERY TRULY YOURS,
TOM BRADLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
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DEAR MR PRESIDENT

I WROTE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND CONCERN BETWEEN MY CITY, LOS ANGELES, AND JAPAN.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEEPLY I AM DISTURBED AND DISGUSTED BY YOUR PLAN TO UTILIZE YOUR VISIT TO THE CATHEDRAL AT BURG, GERMANY TO SYNCHRONIZE OUR COUNTRY'S POLICY WITH THAT OF THE NAZI REGIM.

THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, I FEEL SINCERE FRIENDSHIP FOR THE NEW GENERATION OF GERMANS AND SCORNS FOR THOSE OF THEIR FATHER'S GENERATION AND WHO COOPERATED WITH THE NAZI REGIM AGAINST THEIR WILL. THOSE, HOWEVER, WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE NAZI KILL AND HURT, ALWAYS REMAIN A SYMBOL OF NAZI EVIL.

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VERY TRULY YOURS,
TON BRADLEY, Mayor
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

Ron Almarado

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

PLEASE ADD MY VOICE TO THE MANY OTHERS WHO IMPLORE YOU NOT TO VISIT THE BITBURG GRAVEYARD. I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS OF EXPRESSING OUR SOLIDARITY WITH GERMANY BUT, BY KNOWINGLY AND WANTINGLY DISREGARDING THE CONCERNS OF A LARGE SEGMENT OF OUR PEOPLE, FLIES IN THE FACE OF GOOD JUDGEMENT, IT IS NOT EASY TO ERADICATE MEMORIES OF THAT TRAGIC PERIOD OF TIME IN OUR HISTORY THAT SAW MILLIONS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THEIR HERITAGE. I TOO AM AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND CAN APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT PERHAPS ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS DID NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR YOU TO MAKE THE PROPER DECISION ABOUT THIS CONTEMPLATED VISIT, I DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN QUESTION YOUR MOTIVES OF ATTEMPTING TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AN APPROPRIATE METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHING YOUR GOAL, I ONCE AGAIN, IMPLORE THAT YOU DO NOT VISIT THE BITBURG CEMETERY IN WHICH ARE BURIED FORMER NAZI SS TROOPERS.

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
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DEAR MR PRESIDENT

PLEASE ADD MY VOICE TO THE MANY OTHERS WHO IMPLOR YOU NOT TO VISIT
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TOO AM AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND CAN APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT PERHAPS
ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS DID NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE NECESSARY
INFORMATION IN ORDER FOR YOU TO MAKE THE PROPER DECISION ABOUT THIS
CONTINGENT VISIT. I DO NOT EMPHATICALLY ASK YOU TO QUESTION YOUR MOTIVES OR
ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
GERMANY, HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AN APPROPRIATE METHOD OF
ACCOMPLISHING YOUR GOAL. I OCE AGAIN, IMPLOR THAT YOU DO NOT VISIT
THE BIRKENAU CEMETERY IN WHICH ARE BURIED FORMER NAZI SS TROOPERS.

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