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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BENJAMIN MEED

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO VISIT THE  
MILITARY CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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# American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

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BENJAMIN MEED  
President

April 30, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

For almost a month, the Nation has been dismayed over your proposed visit to Bitburg. Mr. President, trust the American people. They sense that this cemetery visit is inappropriate. Your decision to go to a German military cemetery in which the S.S. Nazi elite were buried has hurt all of us.

In the last hour we appeal to you. Trust the outcry of the American people. Trust the appeals of more than 250 Representatives and 83 Senators. Heed the anguish of Holocaust survivors and American war veterans, people who directly encountered the Nazis in the pit of hell.

We appeal to you in the name of history and justice. We fear that your visit will be celebrated by those who seek to deny the Holocaust or to sanitize the Nazi crimes to absolve themselves of guilt.

Perhaps more than any other people we seek reconciliation among nations because we know full well the consequences of tyranny, war, hatred and bigotry. But there can be no reconciliation between the murderers and their victims.

Mr. President, only two years ago you addressed the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors here in Washington with these words:

"As a man whose heart is with you, and as President of a people you are now so much a part of . . . our most sacred task now is ensuring that the memory of this greatest of human tragedies, the Holocaust, never fades; that its lessons are not forgotten."



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Mr. President, we will remember your words with gratitude to the last days of our lives.

Sadly, we live in a world of images. The image of an American President at a German cemetery where soldiers are buried including Nazi S.S. officers and concentration camp guards sends the wrong signals to the world. It says to future generations: All these men are the same; all were engaged in an honorable struggle.

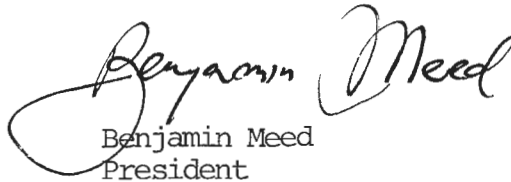
Mr. President, we address you with respect and with appreciation for all that you have done and will do for America. Our differences are not political. History and memory are at stake.

We who have seen the inferno and whose bodies bear the scars of Nazi torture know that only true remembrance leads to peace and reconciliation.

Go to Germany for the sake of peace but do not go to Bitburg. Mr. President, please find another way.

There is still time. Your decision will shape history -- for you, for us and for all mankind.

Sincerely yours,



Benjamin Meed  
President



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BITBURG CEMETERY IN GERMANY

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April 29, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is written to reflect my protest regarding the scheduling of a visit by you to the Bitburg Cemetary in Germany.

I am certain that the rest of your scheduled trip will adequately emphasize the positive cooperative relationship between our countries in recent years. Such constructive effort would be emasculated by paying honor to those who perpetuated some of the most inhumane acts in world history.

Many of my constituents have reflected their outrage regarding the Bitburg visit, and the furor surrounding same has recently caused even the host Mayor to question its propriety.

In the interests of justice and morality, I believe now is the time to advise your staff and Chancellor Kohl that the visit is cancelled. You may be sure that your affirmative consideration of this request will clearly reflect the sensitivity you are known for.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Michael J. Tully, Jr.]

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ANTHONY SHUKELOYTS

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP  
TO EUROPE

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Date MAY 21 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Anthony Shukeloyts

Date: April 29, 1985 Subject: View regarding the President's  
Trip to Europe

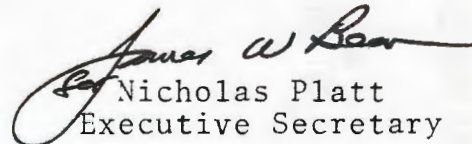
WH Referral Dated: May 9, 1985 NSC ID# 302267  
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\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Remarks:

  
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Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Shukeloyts:

I have been asked to thank you for your telegram to President Reagan sending best wishes from the Byelorussian-American Association for his journey to Europe to commemorate the end of World War II there, and calling attention to the many Byelorussians who also perished in Nazi concentration camps.

The suffering of no one people during World War II is remembered to the exclusion of others. Certainly the suffering of Byelorussians resisting the Nazi occupation was profound, and deserves to be so remembered. In his remarks at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on May 5, the President paid tribute to the many Christians that lie alongside the Jewish dead there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Palmer".

Mark Palmer  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of European  
and Canadian Affairs

Mr. Anthony Shukeloyts,  
National President,  
Byelorussian-American Association,  
166-34 Gothic Drive,  
Jamaica, New York 11432.



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

REFERRAL

MAY 9, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 302267  
MEDIA: TELEGRAM, DATED APRIL 29, 1985  
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FROM: MR. ANTHONY SHUKELOYTS  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
BYELORUSSIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
166-34 GOTHIC DRIVE  
JAMAICA NY 11432  
SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP  
TO EUROPE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT THE BYELORUSSIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WISHES YOU MOST SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO EUROPE WHERE YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II OVER THE EVIL FORCES OF GERMAN NAZISM AND ALSO STRENGTHENING RECONCILIATION WITH DEMOCRATIC WEST GERMANY TODAY. PLEASE BE ADVISED MR PRESIDENT THAT IN THE NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS MANY BYLEORUSSIANS WERE VICTIMIZED BECAUSE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT WHICH INCLUDED HELPING THE PERSECUTED JEWISH POPULATION OF BYELORUSSIA. WE ASK YOU KINDLY TO REMEMBER IN YOUR STATEMENTS THOSE BYELORUSSIAN VICTIMS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE VICTORY OF FREEDOM. MAY GOD

BLESS YOU IN YOUR JOURNEY OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
ANTHONY SHUKELDYTS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE BYELORUSSIAN-AMERICAN  
ASSOCIATION 166-34 GOTHIC DR JAMAICA NY 11432

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 302268

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. IWANNA ROZANKOWSKY

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS DECISION TO VISIT GERMANY AND THE  
BITBURG CEMETERY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS MEMBERS COMMEND AND FULLY SUPPORT YOUR DECISION TO VISIT GERMANY AND THE BITBURG CEMETERY TO HONOR THE WAR DEAD.

MR PRESIDENT, MAY WE ASK WHEN YOU VISIT THE CONCENTRATION CAMPSITE AT BERGEN - BELSEN THAT YOU MENTIONED THE FACT THAT HUNDREDS OF UKRAINIAN PATRIOTS WERE ALSO MURDERED IN THAT CAMP TOGETHER WITH ALL THE OTHER VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND PLEASANT TRIP

IWANNA ROZANKOWSKY PRESIDENT  
108 SECOND AVE  
NEW YORK NY 10003

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JULIA HARRISON

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CANCEL BITBURG  
CEMETERY VISIT

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

CONSTITUENCY OF ALL FAITHS AND I URGE BITBURG CEMETERY VISIT  
CANCELLATION.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY WOMAN JULIA HARRISON FLUSHING NEW YORKS  
134-39 BLOSSOM AVE  
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

CONSTITUENCY OF ALL FAITHS AND I URGE BITBURG CEMETERY VISIT  
CANCELLATION.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY WOMAN JULIA HARRISON FLUSHING NEW YORKS  
134-39 BLOSSOM AVE  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR123-01

INCOMING

MAY 01 1985

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MARIA BARNABY GREENWALD

SUBJECT: URGFS THE PRESIDENT TO CANCEL VISIT TO  
THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG, GERMANY

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

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AS MAYOR OF CHERRY HILL NEW JERSEY I REPRESENT 70,000 PEOPLE. I SPEAK TO YOU AS AN ITALIAN AMERICAN, A ROMAN CATHOLIC, AND AS A LOCAL LEADER. I UNDERSTAND FULL WELL THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES YOU

SHOULDER, HOWEVER, SOMETIMES WE MUST ADMIT WE HAVE MADE A MISTAKE. ON BEHALF OF CHERRY HILL'S JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE VETERANS OF THIS COMMUNITY WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, AND ALL OF OUR CITIZENS WHO DEPLORE THIS VISIT, I ASK YOU NOT TO VISIT THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG. RESPECTFULLY,

MAYOR MARIA BARNABY GREENWALD

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR123-01

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRED SAMUEL

MAY 01 1985

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE  
MILITARY CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

ON BEHALF OF THE NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD, LET ME EXPRESS THE BOARD'S EXTREME SHOCK AND REGRET OVER YOUR SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE MILITARY CEMETARY IN BITBERG, WEST GERMANY ON MAY 5.

AS A BOARD REPRESENTING THE MOST IMPOVERISHED CITIZENS OF OUR CITY, WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR RECONCILIATION AND THE HEALING OF WOUNDS THAT DIVIDE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, ANY ACT OF RECONCILIATION THAT RECOGNIZES OR GIVES CREDENCE TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLECTING SUCH WOUNDS UPON A SOCIETY IS SELF-DEFEATING.

FURTHER, THE PROPOSED VISIT TO BITBERG HAS ONLY SERVED TO RECALL THE

MEMORIES OF HORRORS MUCH TOO UNSPEAKABLE TO DETAIL. CLEARLY, BASIC JUSTICE AND THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST DEMANDS THAT WE IN NO WAY HONOR OR RECOGNIZE THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE MOST HEINOUS ACTS OF 40 YEARS AGO. ETERNITY SHOULD PASS BEFORE AN HONOR IS BESTOWED UPON THEM...

WE IMPLORE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, TO FIND SOME OTHER WAY IN WHICH TO ACHIEVE YOUR MOST WORTHY AND NOBLE GOAL OF RECONCILIATION. SINCERELY

*Ny City Council*  
COUNCILMAN FRED SAMUEL, CHAIRMAN

COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD

349 BROADWAY

NEW YORK NY 10013

CC: HON. EDWARD I. KOCH, MAYOR

HON. ROGER P. ALVAREZ, COMMISSIONER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AND MEMBERS, COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD

349 BROADWAY

NEW YORK NY 10013

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS PHYLLIS SUTKER

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO VISIT THE  
CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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PRESIDENT REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

AS PRESIDENT OF PIONEER WOMEN/NA'MAT 50,000 MEMBERS STRONG.

WE RESPECTFULLY BESEECH YOU NOT TO VISIT BITBURG BUT  
TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO CARRY OUT YOUR MISSION OF RECONCILIATION  
AND PEACE. MORE THAN SIX MILLION MARTYR'S VOICES CRY OUT  
WITH THIS PLEA

PHYLLIS SUTKER NATIONAL PRESIDENT

COL WOMEN/NA'MAT 50,000 STRONG, PEACE. MARTYR'S

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SAM E. BLOCH

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO VISIT THE  
CEMFTERY IN BITBURG

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M. Bregan

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM, DLR, DLR  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC

LAST MINUTE APPEAL BY SURVIVORS OF BERGEN BELSEN  
MR PRESIDENT, AS YOU WILL ENTER THE SITE OF THAT NOTORIOUS DEATH  
CAMP ON MAY 5TH, IN THE MIDST OF NUMEROUS MASS GRAVES, YOU WILL  
SURELY SEE THE JEWISH MONUMENT TO OUR MARTYRS, WHICH WE ERECTED RIGHT  
AFTER THE LIBERATION. YOU WILL READ THE WORDS CHISELLED OUT IN THAT

MODEST STONE: "EARTH, CONCEAL NOT THE BLOODSHED ON THEE". IT IS THIS  
BLOOD OF OUR MARTYRS THAT WILL CRY OUT FROM THE GRAVES AROUND, JOINING  
OUR OWN COLLECTIVE OUTCRY, OF THE DEAD AND THE LIVING SURVIVORS: MR  
PRESIDENT DON'T GO TO BITBURG, DO NOT HONOR THE KILLERS WITH YOUR  
PRESENCE. IF YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAID SO OFTEN, "NEVER AGAIN", FOR GOD  
SAKE, FOR THE SAKE OF MEMORY, TRUTH AND MORALITY, IT IS STILL TIME TO  
CHANGE YOUR MIND. DON'T GO TO BITBURG.

WORLD FEDERATION OF BERGEN BELSEN SURVIVORS ASSN  
SAM E BLOCH PRESIDENT  
63-135 CARLTON ST  
REGO PARK NY 11374

1700 EST

1713 EST



*Mike*

ID# 302276

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

*TR123-01*

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE C. VERNON GRAY

MAY 02 1985

SUBJECT: URGES THE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT TO THE  
CEMEMTRY AT BITBURG, GERMANY

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*R. Alvarado c. visit German Cemetery*

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND EMPHATICALLY URGES YOU TO CANCEL THE VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY ON MAY 5.

YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO A CEMETERY WHERE NAZI SS TROOPS LIE BURIED IS A DISHONOR TO THE MEMORY OF MILLIONS OF VICTIMS OF HITLER'S HOLOCAUST, AND IS SURELY PAINFUL TO THE THOUSANDS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. MOREOVER, THE VISIT IS AN INDECENCY TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF WWII, BOTH LIVING AND DEAD, WHO FOUGHT BRAVELY TO ERADICATE THE NAZI EVIL FROM EUROPE. LET IT ALSO NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT THE WAFFEN-SS EXECUTED AMERICAN TROOPS--MOST GRUESOMELY AT

MALMEDY IN DECEMBER 1944.

WE ECHO, MR. PRESIDENT, THE PLEA SO MOVINGLY MADE TO YOU BY A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR: THE BITBURG CEMETERY IS NO PLACE FOR YOU. AS AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT, WHAT CAN YOU SAY AT AN SS CEMETERY?

PLEASE CANCEL THE VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY AND FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO SYMBOLIZE THE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY

C VERNON GRAY CHAIRPERSON HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL

3430 COURTHOUSE DR

ELLICOTT CITY MD 21043

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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JFR. 850607.3

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID A. BARAM

MAY 01 1985

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DISAPPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
PLANNED VISIT TO THE MILITARY CEMETERY AT  
BITBURG

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June 12, 1985

Dear Mayor Baram:

On behalf of President Reagan, I wish to acknowledge receipt of the resolution adopted by the Bloomfield Town Council 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 the Council,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Special Assistant to the President  
and Director of Correspondence

The Honorable David A. Baram  
Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield  
Post Office Box 343  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

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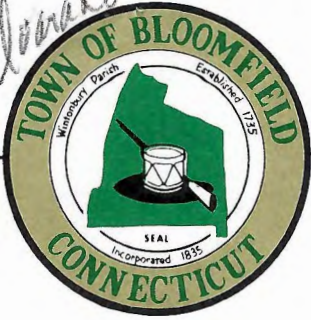
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5/5/85 Remarks of the President at Bitburg and Bergen-Belsen  
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R. Baram



# TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Council-Manager Government Since 1941

David A. Baram  
2 Wintonbury Mall  
P.O. Box 343  
Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

Office of the Mayor

April 26, 1985

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

On April 22, 1985, the Bloomfield Town Council unanimously passed a bipartisan Resolution expressing its disapproval of your planned visit to the military cemetery at Bitburg where 47 members of the Waffen S.S. are buried (enclosed).

Any such visit would be a gross error of judgment for which there is no excuse. The horrendous crimes and atrocities of the Nazis are an indelible blemish on mankind which cannot be erased, covered or forgotten.

The Nazi regime represents man's worst inhumanity to man. To prevent such deliberate acts of racism, antisemitism, and bigotry, from ever happening again, it is our moral and ethical imperative, to act as societal antibodies, teaching future generations of this infamous episode in man's history. As Elie Wiesel said, "By attempting to ignore the memory of the Holocaust on this 40th anniversary of World War II, is committing the 'sin of silence'."

Like Americans everywhere, we support close and friendly relations with our West German allies. We implore you to choose another more appropriate way of recognizing the close relationship between West Germany and the United States which has evolved from efforts like the Marshall Plan, Berlin airlift, economic trade, military cooperation, cultural exchange and mutual commitment to democracy.

Your actions in this instance represent the values of not only Americans, but the conscience of the entire free world. Any ceremonial participation by our President which directly or indirectly pays tribute to Nazi collaborators is a step backwards which undermines those principles which serve as the basis for a free and humane world.

We call on you, Mr. President, to cancel your trip to Bitburg.

Very truly yours,

DAVID A. BARAM  
Mayor

DAB:jbb  
Encl.



The following motion, proposed by Councilman Jeff Jacobs at last night's Town Council meeting, was unanimously approved by a nine member council. This resolution was mailed to President Reagan today.

That the Bloomfield Town Council forward a letter requesting President Reagan to delete from his proposed visit to Europe his plans to visit a German cemetery.

We, as a council, feel that the memories to all our allied war dead, and the victims of the holocaust, be placed ahead of all other considerations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

01 MAY 1985

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREDN HAROLD B. STATLER

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PPESIDENT CONCERNING THE  
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND WEST GERMAN VISIT

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Anne - ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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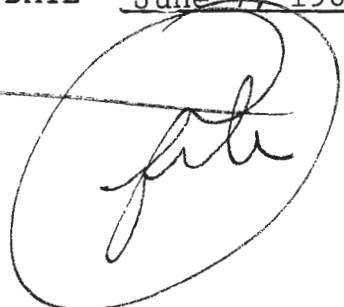
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S/S # 8514479

DATE June 7, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM



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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan      FROM: Reverend Harold B. Statler  
DATE: April 29, 1985      SUBJECT: President's Trip to  
Germany


WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: May 10, 1985      NSC # 302281

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- XX A draft reply is attached
- A draft reply will be forwarded
- A translation is attached
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below
- Other

REMARKS:



Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

85 MAY 7 P11:08

WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Reverend Statler:

I am replying to your April 29 letter to President Reagan enclosing a copy of the message signed by Bishops and Executives of Christian bodies in Indiana, 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 absolution."

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.

The Reverend Harold B. Statler,  
Executive Director,  
The Indiana Council of Churches,  
1100 West 42nd Street, Room 225,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.



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,

8514479

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REFERRAL

MAY 10, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 302281

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 29, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE REVEREDN HAROLD B. STATLER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
THE INDIANA COUNICL OF CHURCHES  
ROOM 225  
1100 WEST 42ND STREET  
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46208

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING THE  
HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND WEST GERMAN VISIT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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# The Indiana Council of Churches

1100 West 42nd Street, Room 225 • Indianapolis, Indiana 46208-3302 • 317/923-3674

April 29, 1985

Ronald W. Reagan, President  
United States of America  
White House  
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Enclosed is a "Message to Our President Concerning the Holocaust Remembrance and West German Visit." It is signed by Bishops and Executives of Christian bodies in Indiana.

The message is supportive of your intentions of reconciliation. Yet it states concern that alternative sites should be arranged to make "symbolically clear our nation's understanding and commitments."

Our message is offered in recognition of the pain felt in the Jewish community and certain veterans who have experienced the oppression of the German SS troops.

Sincerely,

(the Rev.) Harold B. Statler

Executive Director

HBS/j

Encl

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Rev. Harold B. Statler

PRESIDENT  
David F. Rees

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SECRETARY  
Rev. John Ridder

TREASURER  
Elizabeth E. Babb



MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT  
CONCERNING  
THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND WEST GERMAN VISIT

We who are leaders of Christian faith communities in Indiana feel prompted to express our concern regarding certain decisions related to the Holocaust remembrance and your West German visit.

We are distressed, Mr. President, that a visit to a Nazi concentration camp had been overlooked on this 40th anniversary year of the Holocaust. We also wonder why Dachau or some other U.S. liberated camp was not selected for your official remembrance.

We are further disturbed that the site selected to celebrate United States and West German reconciliation has opened deep wounds. Our Jewish brothers and sisters are horrified that the ceremony is planned in a cemetery containing graves of SS troops, perpetrators of the Jewish extermination plan.

We are reminded that a people, a faith and culture were nearly lost to the world because of the Holocaust. Catholics, Protestants and others were also victims of that horrible Nazi design.

We share your view that no more Holocausts can be permitted. We support your intention to celebrate reconciliation with West Germany during your forthcoming visit.

It is our faith that God forgives and reconciles victims with perpetrators of even the most inhuman acts. We believe that forgiveness and reconciliation is incomplete unless expressed among embittered human beings. Nevertheless, we sense there are good reasons for our Jewish friends to be affronted by the recent decisions which overlook their trauma.

Therefore, Mr. President, we urge you to find an alternative way to remember the Holocaust and demonstrate our reconciliation with West Germany. Let deed and word be brought together, making symbolically clear our nation's understanding and commitment.

(See over for signatures)

Rt. Rev. Clinton R. Coleman, Bishop  
6th Episcopal District  
Michigan Conference  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, President  
Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention  
National Baptist Convention of America

Rev. Robert Garris, General Superintendent  
Western Yearly Meeting  
Society of Friends

Dr. Howard B. Goodrich Jr. Regional Minister  
Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ)

The Most Rev. William Higi, Bishop  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette

Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp  
Indiana Area, United Methodist Church

Rev. John Hopkins, Conference Director  
Council of Ministries  
North Indiana Conference  
United Methodist Church

Rt. Rev. Edward W. Jones, Bishop  
Diocese of Indianapolis  
The Episcopal Church

Dr. Ralph A. Kempinski, Bishop  
Indiana-Kentucky Synod  
Lutheran Church in America

The Most Rev. William E. McManus, Bishop  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Ft. Wayne  
and South Bend

The Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara, Archbishop  
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Rev. Carroll M. Petry, District Minister  
South/Central Indiana District  
Church of the Brethren

Dr. Ralph C. Quellhorst, Conference Minister  
Indiana-Kentucky Conference  
United Church of Christ

The Most Rev. Francis R. Shea, Bishop  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Evansville

Rev. Carl R. Smith, Executive  
Synod of Lincoln Trails  
Presbyterian Church, USA

Rev. Harold B. Statler, Executive Director  
Indiana Council of Churches

Dr. Dallas J. West, Executive Minister  
Indiana Baptist Convention  
American Baptist Churches

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWARD MADIGAN

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO APR 17 85 LETTER, ON BEHALF OF  
DR. WALTER KOHN COMMENTING FURTHER ON THE  
PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO WEST GERMANY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1985

Dear Ed:

Thank you for sharing with us your constituents' views concerning the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your constituents' concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan has attempted to make absolutely clear during his visit the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors which were committed in the name of the German state and our determination not to forget them. As you know, his itinerary included a ceremony at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in order to pay homage to all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the anniversary of the liberation of that camp April 21, there can and should be no absolution.

President Reagan is certain your constituents agree that, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. The President was asked by Chancellor Kohl to pay a visit to a German military cemetery in Bitburg, and he has honored that request.

For four decades, the Federal Republic of Germany has faced up to the guilt and responsibilities of its Nazi past and has, in countless ways, demonstrated concretely its commitment to democratic ideals and human rights, including standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the Alliance in defense of freedom. With particular regard to the younger generation in Germany, it is important to demonstrate that, while we continue to hold the nation responsible for its past, we do not consider them to bear individual responsibility for the crimes of Nazism.

Let me make clear that the President does not consider his appearance at Bitburg to represent an act of forgiveness for those crimes, but rather one of acknowledgment of the democratic society the German people have built. He considers this to be a positive gesture which in no way detracts 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,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

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cc: Will Ball, Cong. Affrs.

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April 29, 1985

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Dear B:

In follow-up to my letter of April 17, 1985, I am enclosing a copy of the most recent letter I have received from Dr. Walter Kohn of Normal, Illinois, commenting further on the President's trip to West Germany.

I would appreciate your consideration and comment.

Sincerely,



Edward Madigan  
Representative in Congress

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Dear Congressman Madigan,

I very much appreciate your letter of April 17 in which you informed me that you communicated to President Reagan my anger about certain aspects of his forthcoming visit to Germany.

However, I must tell you that his earlier intention not to visit a former concentration camp was only one of my concerns; besides this has now been remedied. Of far greater importance is his projected visit to the Bitburg cemetery where SS men are buried, the very same people who not only were the torturers and murderers at the camps but who close to the very cemetery mistreated and killed Americans during the Battle of the Bulge. This is an insult to the United States, to the American flag and to the great office of the Presidency which Mr. Reagan occupies.

I am enclosing the comments of two very different people. Eli Wiesel and Andy Rooney, in case you missed them. I don't have anything to add to what they said, except that the thought of Mr. Reagan going to that cemetery fills me with anger, shame and disgust.

Sincerely yours,



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