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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

MAY 07 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID DERVITZ

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING VISIT TO THE BITBURG
CEMETERY IN WEST GERMANY

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Borough of Dumont



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MARY C. PRICE

May 1, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D. C.

Re: Reconciliation and May, 1985 visit to
Bitburg Cemetary

Dear Mr. President:

As a matter of principle - and with all due respect - we urge both you and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to distance yourselves from the 49 SS graves that lie in the Kolmeshohe Cemetary in Bitburg, Germany, when you visit there next week.

In the history of Western Civilization, no lower or more vile form of human organization has ever existed than the SCHUTZSTAFFEL (SS) or elite guard and security arm of the racist Nazi Party. Whether it was the Waffen (weapons) SS who once massacred 71 unarmed American POW's at Malmedy, Belgium or the TOTENKOPF ("Death Head") SS who savagely butchered 10 million civilian concentration camp victims, the SS has symbolized the personification of racist evil more vividly than any major force in living memory.

Yes, it is true that our great ally West Germany has publicly borne this shame and that we Americans have no more business de-nazifying their military cemeteries than would a foreign head of state have in searching out villians at U. S. Civil War Memorials.

However, it is precisely because of what West Germany and the United States stand for today - a free and humane democracy - that our leaders, you and Mr. Kohl, have no business offering the

enemies of that democracy the opportunity to draw the slightest hint of Nazi-fascist threads in the social-political fabric that we have woven together, freely, and laboriously, these past forty years.

This is not a question of he-who-is-without-sin casting the first stone. None of us is above that judgement. Nor are we Americans, for example, proud of our history of black slavery. NO, we cannot turn back the clock. Nor can we offer you a painless remedy for the quandary in which you now find yourself. Nor do we challenge your intent or motivation.

There is a gospel story, "The Parable of the Weeds," that we find appropriate here. You know it, we are sure.

It goes something like this:

During the day a good farmer sowed seeds of wheat. Than at night his enemy sowed weeds. The weeds and wheat proceeded to grow together. One worker wanted to pull out the weeds. But the farmer ordered his field hands to wait until harvest time lest some of the unripe wheat be pulled out along with the weeds. At harvest, he said, the workers could separate the mature wheat from the weeds, and then burn the weeds. (See Matthew 13:24 ff).

The meaning for Bitburg is simple. And please note, in a spirit of full reconciliation, we pass no judgement on the souls of those 49 who wore the SS uniforms. But we do recognize - as those who designed the cemetary may have - that the 3% SS "weeds" are clearly distinguished from the other 97% who fought - however misled - to defend their homeland. These 97% we can be reconciled to; it is the 3% SS "weeds" - in the sense of what they explicitly stood for - with whom reconciliation is impossible. Reconciliation with any symbol (even a tombstone) bearing the letters "SS", is tantamount to selling one's social-political soul to the devil. And that we could never do.

As our leader, and as the leader of the free world, we urge you to make this message loud and clear when, as you are determined, you do visit Bitburg. May God be with you. And his spirit of peace and reconciliation, too.

Sincerely,

- Gerry Drummond, Councilman
- Casimir Kucharski, Councilman
- Anthony J. Agzone
- James P. Moriarty
- For Bill
- William P. Barbicchio
- Edward Berente

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE REUBEN L. KERSHAW

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE
CEMETERY IN BITBURG, WEST GERMANY

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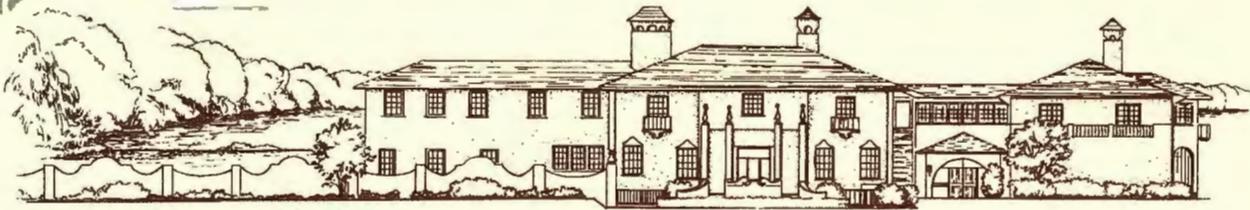
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JOHN GIORDANO
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CHRISTINE A. REED

April 29, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the residents of the Village of Lake Success, we are strongly opposed to your planned cemetery stop in Bitburg, West Germany.

Such a stop in Bitburg only leads to an inference of condoning the action of SS Troopers buried there who were so responsible for the evils against humanity that will forever darken the pages of History.

To ease the strain on West German-American relations, we feel that perhaps a visit to Munich to lay a wreath at the unknown soldiers monument would be more practicable.

Sincerely,

Reuben L. Kershaw
Reuben L. Kershaw, Mayor

Kenneth Ousey
Kenneth Ousey, Trustee

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Daniel Axinn, Trustee

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Michael Goldstein, Trustee

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ARCHIE SPIGNER

MAY 07 1985

SUBJECT: URGES RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TO VISIT
THE BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY

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April 24, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing this letter to ask you to reconsider your ill advised trip to the Bitburg Military Cemetery. This gesture, while intended as an act of friendship for our now German allies, would instead be an act of derision towards the memory of those who were killed by Nazi brutality. It would also be an affront to the veterans of World War II, Black and White alike, who risked their lives in the fight to save democracy. The forty-seven Waffen SS buried among the two thousand German dead at Bitburg were not victims of the Nazi war effort but leading protagonists of its most evil actions.

Your original refusal to visit a holocaust site was unfortunate. Also, your later decision to visit Bergen-Belsen, a site representative of the death camps where millions of Jews and Christians were callously murdered, appears politically motivated.

Your visit to Bitburg would grant an aura of respectability to today's neo-Nazi organizations, one of whose members was just captured after a killing spree in several Western states. As a Black American I am well aware of the evils inherent in every aspect of Nazism. It stood and stands opposed to every principle upon which our great Nation was founded. And, make no mistake, as President of the greatest democracy in the history of the World, by visiting Bitburg cemetery and placing a wreath you are, in effect, honoring those buried there and by implication the cause for which they died.

Once more, on behalf of those I represent, I ask you to reconsider and cancel your visit to the Bitburg Military Cemetery.

Sincerely,

AS:gj

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

MAY 07 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TONY INTINTOLI JR.

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PLANNED VISIT TO BITBURG
CEMETERY

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R. Alvarado

#303756

April 30, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned members of the Vallejo City Council oppose your planned trip to Bitburg Cemetery.

It is an act which, contrary to your thoughts, will not heal old wounds, but will create new wounds in the hearts of countless numbers of people throughout the world.

Vallejo is a community of 90,000 people. Many of our citizens had relatives and friends who suffered and died at the hands of members of the Waffen SS. Some of our citizens survived the death camps and still bear the tattoos and scars and memories of those terrible years. In honoring those dead at Bitburg you dishonor these Vallejo citizens.

Please, Mr. President, don't go to Bitburg.

Sincerely,

Tony Lutentoli, Jr.

Barbara R. Korczyk

Chris Ruffalo

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DANIEL A. MICA

SUBJECT: WRITES AGAIN ON BEHALF OF SHELDON M. HOFFMAN

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May 17, 1985

Dear Dan:

This is to acknowledge your May 1 letter forwarding correspondence regarding the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your constituent's 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 constituent agrees 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 acknowledgement 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, and he appreciates your support for him in this regard.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Daniel A. Mica
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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M. B. Oglasby, Jr.
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 1985

Mr. M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

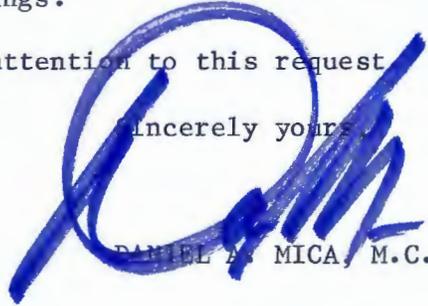
Dear Mr. Oglesby:

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The attached communication regards a situation of which I have had previous correspondence with you. I would appreciate it if you would investigate the statements contained therein and respond to me with your findings.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,



DANIEL A. MICA, M.C.

DM:dr
Enclosure

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Honorable President Ronald Reagan
c/o White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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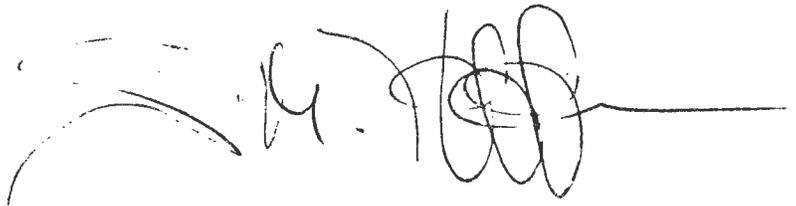
DAN MICA, M.C.
BOYNTON BEACH, FL

Dear Mr. President:

In December of 1984 I wrote to voice my discontent at your "Christmas" remarks, on national television. I awaited your response, however, your office never had the decency to do so. Your obvious lack of concern for ALL Americans appalled me, but I chalked it up to anticipation and preparation of your inaugural.

Well Sir, "Here You Go Again". How could you, on the 40th anniversary of the worst tragedies our world has ever seen, visit the grave sites of the perpetrators? Your coldness is more than words can express. To suffice it and say "we are burying the hatchet" may I remind you, Mr. President, we began burying the hatchet at the war's conclusion when we started pouring in U.S. DOLLAR\$ to help re-build that war torn country.

I beseech you to reconsider your travel plans and not only act on world opinion but act for those voting Americans whose families were destroyed in those atrocities.



SHELDON M. HOFFMAN

10198 Boca Woods Lane

Boca Raton, Florida 33433

cc: Rep. Dan Mica Florida Representative

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DAN MICA

DEAR MR. MICA:

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December 17, 1984

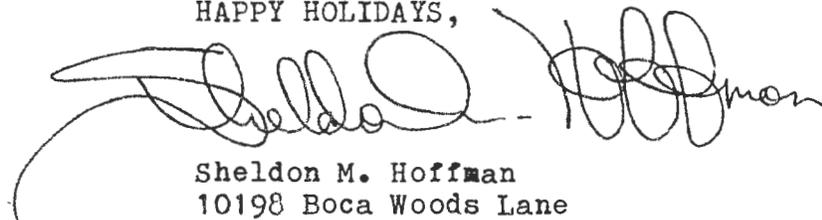
Ronald Reagan
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 200

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter to voice my discontent at your statements on Sunday Night's NBC special, "Christmas in Washington". I am an American, Jewish, citizen in a country whose premiss was and is Freedom of Religion and was deeply offended by your alluding to the fact that all citizens, in our great country, are Christian. You did this in closing remarks when you wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Why, on earth, could you not have wished ALL Americans a Happy Holiday, as those of us of the Jewish Faith celebrate our Festival of Lights, or Hanukah, at the same time of year.

It would appear to me that with your intelligence and the tremendous amount of popular votes, which catapulted you to your second term in office you would understand that you were the PEOPLE'S CHOICE, ALL THE PEOPLE. I would just like to remind you that our great country has NO established religion and hope that you right the wrong which you committed Sunday evening.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheldon M. Hoffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Sheldon M. Hoffman
10198 Boca Woods Lane
Boca Raton, Florida 33433

cc Dan Mica - United States Representative - Florida
Rabbi M. Singer - Spiritual Leader - Temple Beth El, Boca Raton, Fl.

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LEO MCCARTHY

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT NOT TO VISIT THE
MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG

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May 2, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

As Lieutenant Governor of the State of California, but more importantly as a concerned citizen, I feel it is my duty to urge you not to visit the military cemetery at Bitburg.

I can understand your desire to make a symbolic gesture which would represent a reconciliation with Germany. West Germany has proved to be an important political ally and economic trading partner over the past forty years. Yet by visiting a cemetery where forty-nine SS soldiers are buried, you appear to honor the Nazis of World War II, and not the Germans of today who seek to rise above their past.

If you visit Bitburg, children around the world will watch you Sunday and see that the most enlightened nation in the world says that it is acceptable to commit mass murder -- that it is acceptable to attempt to eliminate an entire race of people. This is not the message that America or any other nation should ever convey.

Children, Mr. President, do not know the history of the Holocaust. Yet the only tool we have to prevent future generations from attempting to destroy any people or creed is the knowledge we gain from examining history. We must make sure that the history of the Holocaust is never white-washed in the guise of political expediency.

If you visit Bitburg, you will offend every family who lost a loved one to the Holocaust, every soldier and citizen who fought against Nazism, and every other person who has compassion for those who suffered senselessly under Hitler's regime.



President Ronald Reagan
May 2, 1985
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Surely no diplomatic gesture is worth the risk of alienating a large percentage of the population in your own country. I implore you to cancel your visit to Bitburg and to find a more appropriate location. Follow, for example, the advice of Elie Weisel, who suggests that you visit the Ploetzensee Prison, where leaders of the anti-Nazi underground were killed. In this way, you would be honoring the accomplishments of German heroes while still showing sympathy for the victims of the Nazi regime.

Please, Mr. President, do not ignore the voice of the people. You cannot undo the past, but you can prove that you remember it, understand it, respect it, and have learned from it.

Sincerely,



LEO McCARTHY
Lieutenant Governor

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM S. OWEN

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

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Senate Chamber

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April 30, 1985

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

We write to you in regard to your proposed visit to the Bittsburg Cemetery in West Germany, May 7, 1985. Although we commend you for your willingness to honor the World War II dead of both the Allied and Axis sides, we feel that the ceremonies should take place at a more appropriate site.

America is still haunted by the horrors perpetrated by the Nazi SS. Please remember that 86 unarmed American POW's were massacred at Malmady by the same Waffen SS group whose dead are buried at Bittsburg. Forty years later these German soliders' dishonorable actions are best not honored.

We realize that it was not your original intention to honor the SS dead. We realize the situation could have been avoided were it not for Chancellor Kohl's insistance that the visit to Bittsburg take place. In memory of the millions who were systematically tortured and killed by Hitler's SS, we urge you to not betray the victims of Nazi tyranny.

Mr. President, you can preserve the faith of the American people by refusing to go to Bittsburg. Mr. President, you can tell the German people that the war is 40 years over, but that the SS participation was not commendable. Mr. President, you can take a stand for human rights by asking for a more appropriate setting to commemorate the dead.

As Americans who believe in freedom and who oppose tyranny, we respectfully urge you to bypass Bittsburg.

Sincerely,

William S. Owen *Anna Belle O'Brien* *Jerry Cooper*

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WALTER BARAN

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT VISIT TO THE
GERMAN CEMETERY AT BITBURG

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June 18, 1985

Dear Mr. Baran:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your message of May 3. 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,

RONALD REAGAN

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The Honorable Walter Baran
Secretary of General Services
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17125

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cc: Andrew Card ✓



**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of General Services
Harrisburg**

Walter Baran

WALTER BARAN
SECRETARY

May 3, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As an American of Polish descent, I want to congratulate you for your firm stand on visiting the German cemetery at Bitburg.

Having visited Poland many times over the past 30 years, I have come to understand the feeling of the Polish people regarding the Germans. Although Poland was the first country invaded and devastated by Nazi Germany, I have found that the Polish people want reconciliation with modern Germany. They too believe it is time to get on with living. While the Poles, like all victims and opponents of the Nazis, cannot and wish not to forget what happened, they believe that the present generation should not carry the guilt of their fathers and grandfathers.

I have spoken to many of my friends in the Polish American Community, and they are also in accord with you and your spirit of reconciliation.

It takes a strong leader to lead, and you are that leader -
May God Bless You.

Sincerely,

Walter Baran
WALTER BARAN

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RUTH M. EASTERLING

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PRESIDENT VISIT TO THE
MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG, GERMANY

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May 1, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Out of respect for the hundreds of thousands of American and allied servicemen and women who lost their lives in World War II in one of history's clearest demonstrations of the forces of good arrayed against evil; and

Out of respect for the thousands of Americans who lost their lives in the Battle of the Bulge, and countless civilians who were massacred in combat and other actions undertaken by Nazi SS Storm Troopers in violation of the Geneva Convention; and

Out of respect for the millions of Jews who were exterminated in the unfathomable annihilation of the Holocaust; and

Because the wrong message may be sent to a neo-Nazi movement striving towards a resurgence in our own country if an inappropriate symbol is communicated from the vicinity of the gravesites of Nazi SS Storm Troopers;

The undersigned do hereby respectfully urge you, as President of the United States and as representative of the citizens of this country, neither to visit the military cemetery at Bitburg, West Germany, nor to lay a wreath there or at any other military cemetery where Nazi SS Storm Troopers are buried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Easterling
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RUSSELL J. AZZARELLO

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT BY-PASS VISIT
TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY IN WEST GERMANY

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June 13, 1985

Dear Mayor Azzarello:

On behalf of President Reagan, I wish to acknowledge receipt of the resolution adopted by Old Bridge Township 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 Russell J. Azzarello
Mayor of Old Bridge
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R. Azzarello

MAYOR
Russell J. Azzarello
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May 3, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

On May 2, 1985, in formal session, the Township Council of the Township of Old Bridge voted unanimously request that you by-pass your visit to the Bitberg Cemetary in West Germany.

Those of us elected to serve whether at the grass roots of the local level or the highest position in the nation such as yourself realize when the will of the people is to be served, we should adhere to their wishes. There are many times in our official capacity we are mandated by laws to take an unpopular stand, however, when we have total discretion to make decisions, it would appear our first loyalty is to those we serve.

Mr. President, we in Old Bridge have the greatest respect for you and your Office and can well understand the tremendous pressures that burden you. Even on a local level we know how difficult it is at times to support the wishes of our constituents.

Again Mr. President, we wish you no disrespect and offer to you in our official capacity any help our small community can provide in your endeavors. All we ask is that you acknowledge the opinion of the majority.

Respectfully yours,

Russell J. Azzarello
Russell J. Azzarello, Mayor

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH M. AMBROSE RET.

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS DECISION TO VISIT THE BITBURG
CEMETERY

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June 14, 1985

Dear General Ambrose:

Thank you very much for your kind message. I am most grateful for your generous words. They mean a great deal to me, especially in view of your own service to our country.

It seems to me we achieved something most unusual forty years ago. Back through history, wars were settled in such a way they planted the seeds for the next war. The hatreds and rivalries remained. Not this time. Here it is four decades later and our erstwhile enemies are our staunchest friends and allies.

Again, my thanks to you and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN ^A

MG Joseph M. Ambrose, AUS, Ret.
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MY DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

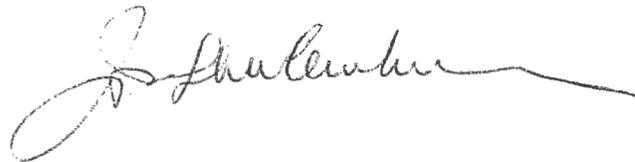
THOUGH I AM TARDY IN SAYING SO, I WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT I SUPPORT 100% YOUR DECISION TO VISIT THE BITBURG CEMETERY AND YOUR STEADFAST ADHERENCE TO THAT GESTURE OF RECONCILIATION IN THE FACE OF AN APPALLING ONSLAUGHT OF UNREASONING, INTOLERANT, VENGEFUL AND POLITICIZED CRITICISM.

THE TIME WILL COME - AND SHORTLY - WHEN YOUR DECISION WILL BE PROVEN RIGHT - TO THE CONTINUING DISCOMFORT OF YOUR CRITICS IN POLITICS AND THE MEDIA WHO CANNOT ACCEPT THEIR DEFEAT IN THE PAST ELECTION. YOUR EUROPEAN TRIP HAS ALREADY BEEN A SUCCESS.

STAND FAST, MR PRESIDENT. THE PEOPLE ARE WITH YOU. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH, I AM, AS ALWAYS,

SINCERELY - AND YOURS TO COMMAND



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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS JANICE A. PICCININI

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER DECISION
TO VISIT THE BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY

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April 25, 1985

Janice Ann Piccinini
President

Harvey Zorbaugh
Executive Director

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

Dear Mr. President:

As president of the Maryland State Teachers Association, and on behalf of our Board of Directors, I respectfully and urgently ask you to reconsider your decision to visit the Bitburg Military Cemetery.

We fully understand and support your desire to commemorate forty years of peace and cooperation with the Federal Republic of Germany, but there must surely be another way to accomplish that without a visit to the grave site of Nazi SS soldiers. In view of the outrage expressed over your planned visit to Bitburg within Congress, veterans and Jewish organizations and within the American public generally, such a visit would do more harm than good for German-American relations.

As teachers, we are particularly concerned that your visit would obscure the moral lesson to be drawn from the Holocaust. Rarely in history does one find evil so clearly defined. We can and should celebrate our reconciliation with the German people, but we cannot and must not reconcile ourselves to the horror of the Holocaust or even appear to make peace with its perpetrators. We understand that it was never your intention to condone the Holocaust or to honor the SS, but we ask you as teachers not to cloud an important moral lesson that we attempt to pass on to our students, and that is that genocide is an unmitigated evil that cannot be condoned under any circumstances, in the past, in the present or in the future.

Respectfully,

Janice A. Piccinini
President

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 07, 1985

MAY 07 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. GULOTTA

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO PLANNED VISIT TO THE CEMETERY AT
BITBURG, GERMANY

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OFFICE OF THE
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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
TOWN HALL, HEMPSTEAD, N. Y. 11550
April 24, 1985

THOMAS S. GULOTTA
PRESIDING SUPERVISOR

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

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to formally protest your plans to visit Bitburg Cemetery during your trip to Germany.

While I can appreciate your stated intention of emphasizing the positive aspects of the American/German relationship, the vehicle by which you have chosen to demonstrate that intention is inappropriate and unacceptable.

The atrocities committed by many of those whose bodies lay at the Bitburg Cemetery are well documented. These atrocities have properly come to stand as a symbol of what must never be permitted to occur again.

I hasten to point out that opposition to your planned cemetery visit is not limited to Jewish Americans who justifiably share a sense of outrage. It is shared by many Americans regardless of race, color, creed, or religion, who properly feel that placing a wreath at Bitburg in honor of those whose job it was to kill our soldiers, results in a disservice to our veterans and veterans' families, who sacrificed to preserve the freedom and liberties which we enjoy today.

I recognize that plans for your trip were undoubtedly made by ill-advised staff members. As a member of your own party affiliation, I respectfully urge you to reject this ill conceived visit to Bitburg Cemetery.

Surely there must be a better way to demonstrate the positive aspects of the relationship between the German and American people. It is not too late to restore our faith in your sensitivity to those whose families were victims of those horrible days. Morality and justice dictates that your cemetery visit be cancelled, and I urge you to do so.

Sincerely,
Thomas S. Gulotta

THOMAS S. GULOTTA

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 07, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. HOWARD M. SPIRO

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
TO THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG

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April 24, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
White House, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

To go to a concentration camp in Germany and to a German military cemetery are both reasonable, but to pray at a cemetery that holds members of Himmler's Waffen SS is to symbolize, by your enormous grace, the rehabilitation of the SS, not a much needed reconciliation with Germany. Better, go to the burial place of Goethe, I beg you.

Very respectfully,

Howard Spiro
Howard M. Spiro, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 07, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. H. BRADLEY JONES

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE
MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG, GERMANY

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May 1, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

When you left for Germany today, followed by shrill chants of so many of our unforgiving countrymen, Mary and I felt that you and Nancy should know that we admire, agree with and vigorously defend your courageous journey.

The American Spirit has rarely been more clearly evoked than in your embattled gesture of reconciliation at Bitburg. Forty years is long enough for any national wound to fester. By healing it, you are showing the world a way to ameliorate antagonism - such as has poisoned the Middle East and Southeast Asia for more than a thousand years - that leads to war.

Many of your friends, sometimes because of their anger over the Holocaust, occasionally by reason of some war experience, have difficulty in following your Presidential purpose in this matter. We do not. We are convinced that you are right, both now and in the light of history. I thought that you would like to know how we felt.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,



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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 07, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ELBRIDGE DURBROW

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS VISIT TO THE MILITARY CEMETERY IN
BITBURG

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June 18, 1985

Dear Ambassador Durbrow:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your message of May 6. 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 wire as you did and your message means a great deal to me.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Honorable Elbridge Durbrow
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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 07, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. VICTOR M. WEXLER

MAY 7 1985

SUBJECT: RESIGNS AS A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S
DINNER TO BE HELD ON MAY 16 85, OBJECTS TO
THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO:

Anne

FROM:

MARCY HEAD

As I mentioned
my phone, Ed
suggests an
inocuous thank
you for your past
support type letter.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 5-7-85
To: Ed Rollins

He wrote to
The President
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do you think?



ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

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VICTOR M. WEXLER
ROSEANN WEXLER

Ed Rollins

36 STONEWALL DRIVE
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May 6, 1985

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20007

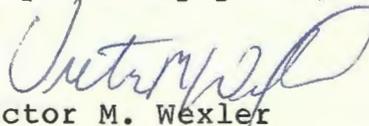
Dear Mr. President:

It is with deep regret that I herein tender my resignation as a Vice Chairman of the President's Dinner to be held on May 16, 1985. As you may know, Mr. President, I have been a loyal supporter of yours for several years.

Your visit to the Bitburg Cemetery has caused me a great deal of emotional pain and I have found it extremely difficult to try to understand the significance of the visit. It is this feeling that currently prevents me from fully enjoying and contributing to the festivities of the President's Dinner. I therefore feel that I have no choice but to resign as a Vice Chairman.

Mr. President, please do not misinterpret my action, I understand your decision and I ask that you also understand mine.

Respectfully yours,



Victor M. Wexler

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36 STONEWALL DRIVE
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April 15, 1985

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. President:

As a Republican Eagle, I am a very active and strong supporter of your administration and policies and will continue to lend my support for the good of your administration and the good of this country. In light of my allegiance, please take the following comments in the manner for which they are intended, that is, the well-being of the country, the Republican Party and your administration.

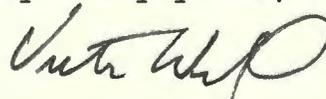
I am particularly troubled by the tentative scheduling of a visit and payment of homage by you to the German soldiers who perished in World War II. Mr. President, as you know, World War II and "The Holocaust" is a deep emotional issue for your Jewish supporters. Although your visitation would in no way indicate your condonation of the actions of World War II, it is important that you realize that on a highly emotional issue, such as this, one's perception can play a much stronger role than reality and I think you run the risk of falling into this trap in this situation.

Mr. President, I know that you are deeply committed to civil liberties and I know that no one could ever equate this action as support or condonation of the German actions in World War II. However, as an individual who lost the majority of his immediate family to the Nazi atrocities in World War II, I can identify with many of your supporters who feel that your visit would in some way legitimize their actions.

Additionally, I am in close contact with many ex-servicemen and veterans' committees and I know that the possibility of this visit also offends them deeply as it would the many Americans who were touched by the perils of World War II.

As a Vice Chairman of the President's Dinner to be held on May 16, 1985, I hope you understand that my support of and allegiance to your administration is unquestioned. I am only writing to you in the hopes of averting an issue which could cause some misconceptions in the future.

Very truly yours,



Victor M. Wexler

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 08, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. W. MELIANOVICH

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF DECISION TO VISIT
BITBURG CEMETERY

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May 6, 1985

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The Honorable
Ronald W. Reagan
President Of The United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We, the members of The Byelorussian American Republican Federation, wish to send you our warmest congratulations on your firm decision to go to Bitburg Cemetery. It must have been painful for you and Nancy to undertake this journey in light of the venom that was unleashed by the press and the special interest groups.

We hoped and prayed that you would not waver under such overwhelming pressure. Once again you have demonstrated to us that you are a man of vision and determination. Once again you have shown us that with you America's interests come first. God bless you for that.

We, Byelorussian Americans, many of whom came out of the Nazi slave labor camps and factories know very well what it was like for the Slavic people to live and die under the Nazi rule. Millions of Slavs died. Every fourth Byelorussian perished. Many were herded like cattle to Germany to slave for the master race. They were branded as "OST" on a white patch with blue letters.

At the end of the war these people chose to stay in the West as refugees never again to see their beloved homelands. They did not want to live under a new tyrant – The Russian Communism. The Russian Communists and their collaborators are now the masters in their land. Thousands were forced to go behind the Russian lines to certain death. However thousands survived. Some had to lie to escape the dragnet. Now many of these individuals are hounded by our Justice Department OSI division. Many are accused of crimes they did not commit. In most of the cases the accusers are the KGB who delight in persecuting those who dared to stand up against them before, during, and after World War Two. The Soviets find many collaborators in the United States who eagerly do their bidding.

Often the charges are leveled against Byelorussians whose only crime is of being anti-communists. The communists can't forgive them for standing up against communism even under extremely harsh conditions of Nazi occupation. The Soviets and their collaborators know well that most of these people are innocent of crimes that the communists accuse them of. Not being able to catch them the Soviets try to discredit and ruin them economically. Our Justice Department has been tricked into doing the dirty work of the KGB using the taxpayers money. Why are we using the taxpayers money to hound many innocent people while we cut our defenses? Why are we denying these accused the full protection of the Judicial System that we Americans assume that every citizen has? Why Soviet fabricated evidence is used to prosecute these people without giving them even a chance of examining the witnesses and of being judged by a jury?

Mr. President, we admire your stand against communism. Please don't abandon the Nicaraguan and Afghan freedom fighters. Far too often the West has abandoned the anti-communist fighters. America needs you more than ever. Don't let her down and the people who stood by you, believed in you, and followed you in good and bad times.

God Bless You and your family.

With Best Wishes

W. Melianovich
W. Melianovich,

Chairman

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cc: Ron Alvarado

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 08, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE F. PAUL GOODLAND

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

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June 11, 1985

Dear Mayor Goodland:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful and particularly so for your approval of my recent visit to West Germany. I felt from the start that I was doing the morally right thing, and feel that even more so now that the trip is over. Your message strengthens my conviction.

Sincerely,

The Honorable F. Paul Goodland
Mayor of Ames
Ames, Iowa 50010

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F. PAUL GOODLAND
MAYOR

May 6, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

I have both admiration and respect for your recent determination to hold to your trip. Reconciliation is shown in many ways, sometimes mysterious, sometimes misunderstood. You have attempted such an act.

Cheers!

Respectfully,

F. Paul Goodland
Mayor, City of Ames

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 08, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAVID H. SHOLFS

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT PITBURG CEMETERY

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SENATOR
DAVID H. SHOLES
Deputy Majority Whip
32 Mauran Street
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Secretary
Committee on Judiciary

Committee on Health,
Education and Welfare

Room 21 State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Senate Chamber

May 2, 1985

Robert Gleason

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

your visit to the Bitburg Cemetery, where there are 49 SS Troopers buried, is a disservice to all those who fought and those who died in World War II. That War was a classic battle of good and evil. The SS were the force of evil. Their crimes should never be forgiven or forgotten.

I urge you not to honor those individuals but to honor the victims of their crimes. As a leader of the Western World, you have a duty to speak out for liberty and freedom and to honor those who had died in the defense of these ideals.

Please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

David Sholes
Senator David H. Sholes
Deputy Majority Whip

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