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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 14, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JACK WIEWEL

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR TRIP TO GERMANY

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF GREATER CLEVELAND AND ITS 18 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING 85,000 GERMAN AMERICANS IN NORTHEASTERN OHIO COMMEND YOUR EFFORTS TOWARDS RECONCILIATION, AGREE WITH YOUR VIEWS ON COLLECTIVE GUILT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STANCE ON A REUNITED GERMANY AND APPLAUD YOUR FIRMNESS AGAINST COMMUNISM. WE FURTHER REALIZE YOUR SENSE OF HISTORY HAS NOT BEEN FORMED BY TELEVISION AND THE NEWS MEDIA.

SINCERELY,

JACK WIEWEL, PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

TO REPLY BY MAILGRAM MESSAGE, PHONE WESTERN UNION ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT.
THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF GREATER CLEVELAND AND
ITS 18 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING 20,000 GERMAN AMERICANS IN
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REUNITED GERMANY AND THE END OF THE DIVISION OF GERMANY. WE
FURTHER REALIZE YOUR SENSE OF HISTORY HAS NOT BEEN FORMED BY
TELEVISION AND THE NEWS MEDIA. OR

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SINCERELY,

JACK KIEHL, PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: CHIEF IRVING POWLESS JR.

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

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C. Cole - M. Intertiff

April 30, 1985

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

Greetings Honnahdahguyuss:

The Council of Chiefs support the position taken by Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, executive vice president, Central Conference of American Rabbis in his letter of March 19, 1985.

We quote his statement to you in part; " You see, Mr. President, how one sin leads to another. We did our best to ignore the massacre of the Armenians, and the obliteration of the Indians, and that helped us to look the other way as the Nazis sought to exterminate the entire Jewish people, and now, the decision that the President of the United States not to visit Dachau is being used to further "bury....in our conscience" the massacre of the Indians even though, in the same breath, we admit that "we perpetrated (it) ourselves".

We realize that you have relented and now have included a visit to the infamous concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen, however in our opinion that does not justify the visit to the cemetery at Bitburg.

The comparisons made by Rabbi Glaser is important because it comes from the perspective of a people who were the victims of the Holocaust.

Our perspective as indigenous people of the western hemisphere is important for the same reasons. We suffered genocidal policies and have been victims of imperialistic expansionism most often based upon the christian philosophy of manifest destiny.

Nazi Germanys inhuman policies based upon the racist conception of pure aryanism should never be forgotten, but should stand forever as a reminder that government ideologies are always fundamentally subject to human frailties and one must always guard against modification of principle for purposes of wealth and the power and control that it brings. The two examples cited above illustrate that in spite of fundamentally opposite principles both ideologies were capable of destroying innocent nations of people.

April 30, 1985

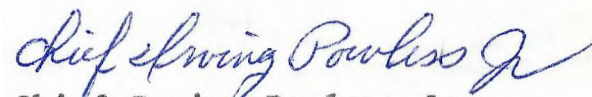
Brother: We speak these words without rancor but as a people seasoned in suffering with the understanding of the harshness of life and that justice and equity is always in the hands of those in power.

The fast rising groups in America of neo nazi, and fascist inclined para military organizations espousing the same dogma expressed by the third reich is disturbing to people who have been victims of racism before. Your visit to a cemetery that has the graves of former SS troops could be perceived to support the cause of such groups in their twisted states of mind.

A morally right thing to do would be to place a wreath of sorrow and regret on the mass grave of those hundreds of men, women, and children killed at Wounded Knee, Christmas Day 1890. This would signal to those so inclined that the United States of America is indeed interested in the true spirit of reconciliation and peace, for our people here, and for those abroad.

Dawnaytoh,

Council of Chiefs



Chief Irving Powless Jr.
Secretary Onondaga Nation

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BITBURG CEMETERY

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April 30, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

The entire membership of Brith Sholom, which includes several thousand veterans of America's wars of the 20th century, implore you to alter your plans and cancel your planned visit to the Bitburg cemetery.

In your sincere effort to strengthen diplomatic ties with West Germany, you seem to have overlooked the responsibilities that heritage has placed upon you in the high office you hold.

Several of your predecessors, namely George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt and Dwight Eisenhower, would never have defamed or denegated the memory of those who died under their respective commands by honoring an adversary who committed unpardonable crimes against helpless American troops.

According to our information, the remains of one SS Staff Sgt. Otto Franz Bengel lie in Bitburg cemetery. Sgt. Bengel was awarded a Gold German Cross in the name of Adolph Hitler for having killed ten (10) American servicemen. That is but one case. There are probably more.

No diplomacy - for any reason - can ease the pain that such atrocities generate.

Mr. President, please do not go to Bitburg.

Sincerely,
Sidney Waldman
Sidney Waldman
National President

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8515182

Date MAY 28 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: The Honorable Ulrich F. Kruger

Date: May 5, 1985 Subject: Appreciation for visiting
Germany

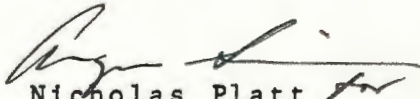
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Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X 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:


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 24, 1985

The Honorable Ulrich F. Kruger
Berlin House of Representatives
Den Kattenweg 58
D-1000 Berlin 45

Dear Mr. Kruger:

Thank you for your letter of May 5 concerning President Reagan's trip to Germany.

We appreciate very much your expression of support for the President and what he sought to accomplish. Though the trip engendered some debate in America as well as in Germany, one of its main purposes, as you recognize, was to acknowledge with pride the democratic society which Germany has become since World War II.

It is evident that the result of the trip is has been a strengthening of German - United States relations on the firm basis of mutual respect and understanding. The efforts by individuals such as yourself on behalf of relations between our two countries are essential for that understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Kornblum".

John C. Kornblum
Director,
Office of Central European
Affairs

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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REPRESENTATIVES
D-1000 BERLIN 45, DEN
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GERMANY

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR VISITING GERMANY

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Krüger, Ulrich F.

Lehrer

Fraktion der CDU

Kreuzberg, Wahlkreis 4

Geb. am 2. April 1929 in Berlin. Verheiratet, sechs Kinder.

Grundschule. Gymnasium. 1947 Abitur. 1947 Einstellung als Schulhelfer. 1950 erste, 1953 zweite Lehrerprüfung. 1967 bis 1969 Universitätssonderkurs am Otto-Suhr-Institut der Freien Universität Berlin. 1969 bis 1971 Studium Ostrecht und Staatstheorie am Osteuropa-Institut der Freien Universität Berlin. Lehrer an einer Hauptschule in Kreuzberg. Sprachkenntnisse: Englisch (fließend), Schwedisch, Dänisch, Holländisch (Grundkenntnisse).

1946 bis 1948 und wiederum seit 1966 Mitglied der CDU. Seit 1972 Landesparteitagsdelegierter. 1974 bis September 1983 Vorsitzender und seit September 1983 Stellvertretender Vorsitzender des Ortsverbandes Chamissoplatz (Kreuzberg). Seit 1976 Ersatzdelegierter zum Landesausschuß. Mitglied des Kreisvorstandes der CDU Kreuzberg.

Mitglied der Freiwilligen Polizeireserve seit ihrer Gründung. 1975 bis 1976 Jugendschöffe beim Landgericht. Seit 1977 Jugendschöffe beim Amtsgericht. Mitglied der Freien Evangelischen Gemeinde. Mitglied der Deutsch-Koreanischen Gesell-

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(Krüger)

schaft, des Kuratoriums der Staatlichen Fachschule für Gartenbau Berlin und der Arbeitsgemeinschaft für die historischen Friedhöfe und Kirchhöfe Berlins e. V.

Seit Juni 1981 Mitglied des Abgeordnetenhauses von Berlin.

Angaben zu den Verhaltensregeln

(Vgl. Vorblatt zum biographischen Teil)

- 1 a) Lehrer an einer Hauptschule in Kreuzberg (Bezirksamt Kreuzberg von Berlin)
- 3) Vorsitzender des Kuratoriums der Staatl. Fachschule für Bekleidungstechnik Berlin (e). Mitglied der Kuratorien der Staatl. Fachschule für Lebensmitteltechnik Berlin (e), der Staatlichen Fachschule für Gartenbau Berlin und der Stiftung des öffentlichen Rechts Lette-Verein (e)
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Mitglied der Arbeitsgemeinschaft für die historischen Friedhöfe und Kirchhöfe Berlins e. V.

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Kadettenweg 58
Telefon: (030) 8 33 22 94

May 5th, 1985.

8515182

Dear Mr. President, dear Nancy Reagan,

as a member of the Berlin House of Representatives I want to thank you for visiting our country and meeting our nation. I am proud and happy for your noble gestures and your firm standing especially on behalf of our most dreadful past and your respect to the victims of nazism and war. This noble act at Bergen-Belsen but also the solemn and quiet visit to the cemetery shall not be forgotten by me as well as by most of my countrymen. I want to thank you also for reminding us to the words once written by Anne Frank and telling us the story on Christmas Day 1944 between the former's family and Allied US-soldiers and their thence German enemies who all became one as human beings when the mother prayed 'Lord Jesus be our guest'.

Your days here in our country still is a real token that reconciliation has taken part between our nations. While serving with the GDF after my election campaign in March and hearing about the killing of Major Nicholson I felt like having lost a comrade unknown yet but still as one like me. And so I told in a message sent to the Berlin Brigade of the US.

Once more: Thank you for coming. God bless you. God bless America
Very sincerely
yours Ulrich Krüger

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 14, 1985

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TO GERMANY

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WASHINGTON

May 16, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY, JR.

SUBJECT: Letter From Senator John Stennis
on Your European Trip

You recently received the attached note from Senator Stennis commending you on your recent trip to Germany.

I thought you would want to see his thoughtful letter.

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JOHN C. STENNIS
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 10, 1985

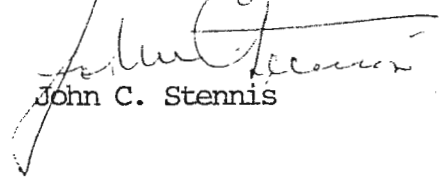
The President
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Washington, D. C. 20500

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I was proud of you and thank you many
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Respectfully,


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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Bitburg Air Base, Federal Republic of Germany)

For Immediate Release

May 5, 1985

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable John C. Stennis
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Senator

Thank you very much for
your kind letter and generous
words.

Enclosed are copies of the
speeches I delivered at Bergen-Belsen
concentration camp and the Base at

Bitburg. Again thanks.
Ronald Reagan

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.

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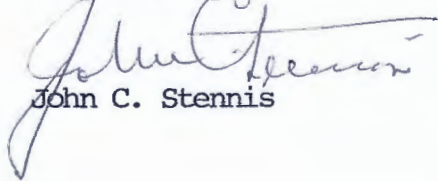
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 14, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BILL VERITY

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS EUROPEAN TRIP, ALSO OBJECTS TO
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Mr. President

Your European Trip was
a smashing success. I was so
proud of your Bitberg appearance.

If we are really serious
about Private Sector Initiatives - and
we both are, let's not change
charitable deductions in your new tax
proposals

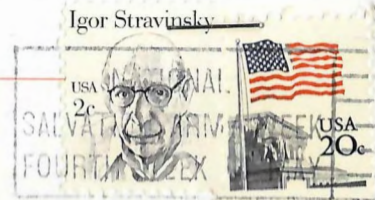
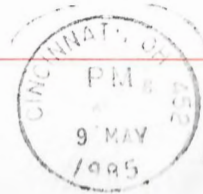
You're doing a splendid job.

Best wishes

5/8/85.

Bill Verity

The President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives

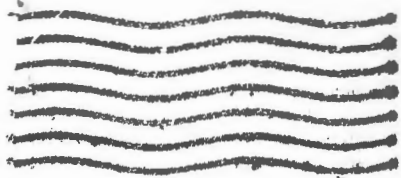


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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 14, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CARL SHIPLEY

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT
APPEARANCES AT STRASBOURGH AND LISBON

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S/S 8515184

Date MAY 28 1985

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

Reference:

To: The President From: Carl Shipley, Americans for Pres.
Reagan's Foreign Policy
Date: 5/8/85 Subject: President's appearances at
Strasbourg and Lisbon

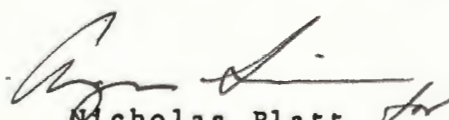
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_____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
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Remarks:


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS
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May 24, 1985

Mr. Carl Shipley
Americans for President Reagan's
Foreign Policy
Suite 320
910 17th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Shipley:

Thank you for your letter to the President commending him on the success of his recent visit to Europe in connection with the Bonn Economic Summit meeting, which I have been asked to answer on his behalf.

I agree that the President's trip sent a strong message of U.S. commitment to defend the freedoms of the West. By all indications, the message had a very positive impact in Europe as well as the U.S. It is living proof of the fundamental health and vitality of the West in its long-term effort to develop a more constructive relationship with the Soviet Union and its Allies.

Sincerely,



Charles Redman
Acting Director
Office of European Security
and Political Affairs

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FROM: MR. CARL SHIPLEY
AMERICANS FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN'S
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SUITE 320
910 17TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON DC 20006

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT
APPEARANCES AT STRASBOURGH AND LISBON

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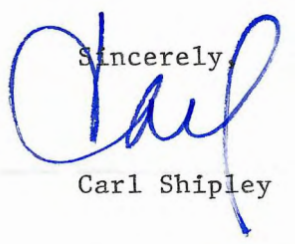
May 8, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

The TV networks and the Washington Post seemed to take delight in pronouncing your recent appearances at Strasbourgh and Lisbon as "failures" because the radical leftists and pro-Soviet members sat silent or walked out during your remarks.

If the leftists had applauded you, the Post may have been happy, but millions of people in the U.S. and around the world would have thought you had "caved in" to the media and the radical left. The fact these people did walk out sent a message to all Americans and people everywhere that President Reagan will stand firm in th struggle to defend liberty and Western values in the endless contest with the Soviets and their adherents, and that you will not be intimidated by the Soviets or the press into trying to "buy" the approval of the leftists by making speeches they applaud. If that should happen, you will have failed America.

Sincerely,

Carl Shipley

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 14, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BARON ALEX OSTOJA-STARZEWSKI

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AND VIEWS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S
TRIP TO GERMANY

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May 9, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have been waiting to write this letter to you until the hysteria about your visit to the German Military Cemetery, orchestrated by our liberal news media lunatics, subsided to some extent. As your longtime supporter (12 years), I would like to congratulate you for making this visit as President of the United States of America. It was long overdue.

I can understand why someone who had been in one of Hitler's concentration camps, was beaten, tortured, dehumanized, lost close relatives, wife, husband, children, parents, everything dear to him, could not forget it and would continue to live in a permanent state of total distress. On the other hand, I reject emphatically any emotion by those who were victims of Hitler's obsession of a pure race, that we continue to regard all German people as second class human beings. It is 1985 - Forty years since the end of World War II! The overwhelming majority of the German nation was born either during the war or afterwards. Therefore, they cannot be blamed for any crimes committed by the Hitler government. Who the hell gives us the right to be the judges of the German people, especially those that had nothing to do with Hitler's war machine? Who are we to tell the German people that their fathers, grandfathers, brothers or sons who were killed as soldiers during World War II were all criminals and that their graves and cemeteries where they are buried should be avoided by any of us "good people?"

Every soldier from every nation has very little choice about disobeying orders unless he wants to commit suicide. Every nation expects its soldiers to defend their country and the country's interest in the best possible way and if necessary, to sacrifice their lives while doing it. There is very little difference between the American mother whose son was storming the hills, cities and villages of Cuba, the Phillipines, Vietnam or Lebanon and the German mother whose son was doing the same in Poland, the Soviet Union, France or other European countries during World War II. The military court requires of the soldier, fulfillment of orders and if he disobeys or deserts, he will be prosecuted to the fullest degree possible and eventually sentenced to death if done in the face of an enemy. So it was in Germany, Poland and even in the United States, that we executed one of our soldiers for desertion. The SS units, when they were created, were elite units and the soldiers of these units were told to forget the word "surrender." They were trained to be the best of the best. The fact that approximately 10% of the SS units were used for obscure purposes of executing civilians and participating in the supervision of the concentration camps, does not change the fact that the original purpose of the SS units was to destroy the enemy at any cost. It is no wonder that young boys

in Germany, raised and educated with a patriotic tradition, joined such units to be part of a group of "heroes."

I hear from newspapers, radio and television commentators, how terrible the "holocaust" was. Unfortunately, since I have been back in this country after Vietnam (1969), I have heard only of the Jewish victims of the holocaust. I have not as yet heard anything about the Poles who lost six and a half-million people in World War II, half victims of the Germans and the other half victims of the Soviet Union. I have not heard about the millions of Czechoslovakians, Romanians, Hungarians, Baltic citizens or German citizens who were victims of German concentration camps. I have not heard anything about the Catholics, Protestants, Calvinists or Moslems who died as victims of the Hitler holocaust.

Most despicable, however, is that I have not heard from the "professional guardians" of the holocaust that they condemn in the same way the Red killers from Moscow who have murdered thirty-five million people, among them nine million Ukrainians, Cossacks, Poles, Latvians, Lithuanians, all citizens of twenty-eight different nationalities. When I did hear that a special Presidential Holocaust Commission was formed, I wrote to President Carter that this Commission should have representatives of every nationality who were victims of German or Soviet holocaust and a representative of every religious group whose people were victims.

Since World War II, our government has allowed itself to participate in a most tragic and hypocritical event - the Nuremberg Tribunal for war criminals. Our so-called judges were sitting together with the judges sent by the Soviet Union sentencing 149 German citizens to death for war crimes and at the same time, over ten million people were locked up in Soviet concentration camps, stripped of every dignity, tortured and murdered by the Soviets. The Nuremberg Tribunal was an example of justice imposed by the victorious powers over a defeated enemy, an act from which I and millions of people have distanced ourselves. Six years ago, our government created a special department within the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization to prosecute the so-called Nazis living in the United States. We have bent our civilized laws so far that we do not recognize the normal statute of limitations and we are repatriating the so-called Nazis to the Soviet Union and other communist countries knowing that they will face death despite the fact that civilized laws say if the subject is living in a country which does not have the death penalty for the crimes he's accused of, he should not be repatriated to a country having a death penalty for such a crime. I haven't heard from the news media, nor from the "professional guardians" of the holocaust an outcry or demand that those who are guilty of massacre of over six thousand Palestinians in Lebanon should be tried by the International Tribunal for War Criminals and if found guilty, sentenced to death as we did with the Germans.

"Vengeance is mine saith the Lord" but it does not apply to those who are more motivated by vengeance against the Nazis than by justice and who would like to continue the activity for another two hundred years if they could.

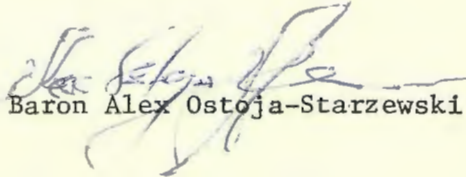
In conclusion, if I were a German father or mother, I would reject the motion that the armed forces of my country (Germany) be a part of NATO to defend Western Europe and the free world against possible Soviet attack. I would also demand from my government that they offer German neutrality as a prize for German unification and tell all foreign troops to get the hell out of the country. This, Mr. President, happened one time already in 1919 when German and Soviet representatives met

secretly in a small Italian village of Rappallo and signed a treaty known as the Treaty of Rappallo. This treaty gave Germany Adolf Hitler, military industry and subsequently World War II. If the American lunatics don't realize that we have to reconcile completely with the German people, a second "Rappallo" will come quicker than we think and the price for the United States is going to be very high.

If someone in the White House asks himself the question, "Who gives me the right to speak so?" let it be known that I was in a Soviet concentration camp from 1939-1940, escaped and returned to German-occupied Poland, was arrested January, 1942 by the Gestapo, interrogated for four months in a very unpleasant way, sent to a German concentration camp in Egelfingen by Pocking where I spent fourteen months. In the same camp, two hundred people starved to death per day. At the same time, my uncle, Dr. Jan Ostoja-Starzewski, Professor at the University of Krakow, was killed in Auswitz and two other uncles were butchered by the Soviets in the Forest of Katin. Despite this, I do not preach a policy of vengeance because of my obligation as a father to build a new world for my children and the children of others.

With my highest esteem and best regards to Mrs. Reagan, I am

Respectfully yours,


Baron Alex Ostoja-Starzewski

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. THOMAS P. CULKIN

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT TRIP
TO GERMANY

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April 15, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, DC 20013

My Dear President:

My heart goes out to you on the new dilemma facing your planned German journey. Our Jewish friends, as well as a few of our recognized veteran's groups are unhappy about your proposed visit to a German military graveyard.

Perhaps I might have a solution. We, as former prisoners of war, are also celebrating our fortieth year of freedom. Why can't we meet you in Germany and show you the remnants of some of the camps we survived in during the war. Perhaps escort you on a segment of at least one of our death marches across Germany in the closing days of the war.

We could set this plan in operation in a very short time to coincide with your arrival in Germany. I would say we could have at least ten to fifteen Ex-American P.O.W.'s, or more if you desire, meet you anywhere you select in Germany, with no expense to our government. A meeting such as described would take a lot of undeserved pressure off your trip. Needless to say we would be honored to meet with you.

I am an Air Force Ex-P.O.W., shot down over Belgium in May of 1943. We would have in our contingent of Ex-P.O.W.'s men of the Infantry, Armored Divisions, Airborne Infantry, Engineers, etc. Veterans of all of our military forces that faced the Germans in World War II.

I thank you Mr. President, for proclaiming the Ex-American Prisoners of War, Inc., a recognized national Veteran's organization and signing our National Charter in 1981. You are very special to our members.

Please advise me as soon as possible if the proposed meeting in Germany is plausible. We can set the wheels in motion in a short time.

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God Bless and guide you.

Sincerely,

THOMAS P. CULKIN

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TR 123-01
To: A Higgins
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Reply

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. THOMAS E. HUZZEY

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES NEWSPAPER COMMENTARY REGARDING THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BITBURG

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June 13, 1985

Dear Mr. Huzzey:

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,

A
RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Thomas E. Huzzey
Commissioner
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CHARLESTON 25305

THOMAS E. HUZZEY
Commissioner

OGC-1631

May 10, 1985

The President
Ronald W. Reagan
United States Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20510

Re: Newspaper Commentary

Dear Mr. President:

Attached is a commentary from Charleston's local evening newspaper that I thought you would appreciate. At least you will know that not everyone disagrees with you.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Huzzey

Thomas E. Huzzey

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Attachment

Commentary

Senseless Chatter About Reagan's Visit To Bitburg

By ADRIAN GWIN

I'm sick and tired of people making a boar's nest of the bit about Bitburg and the Reagan wreath.

I was in the American army for three years, in Germany, and fought against the Nazis as hard as anybody else ever did.

I'm pro-Jewish and a pacifist, if you count as such a man who did not desert to Canada when his country drafted him.

I do not believe that we should allow Nazis to propagate today in this or any other country, but I do not see anything wrong in any manner in President Reagan putting a wreath on a grave in a German cemetery — even after some idiotic trivia-minded alarmist discovered that a few SS members' graves are there, too.

I dare say there isn't a cemetery in Germany, East or West, that doesn't have a grave or some graves of SS members in it or them.

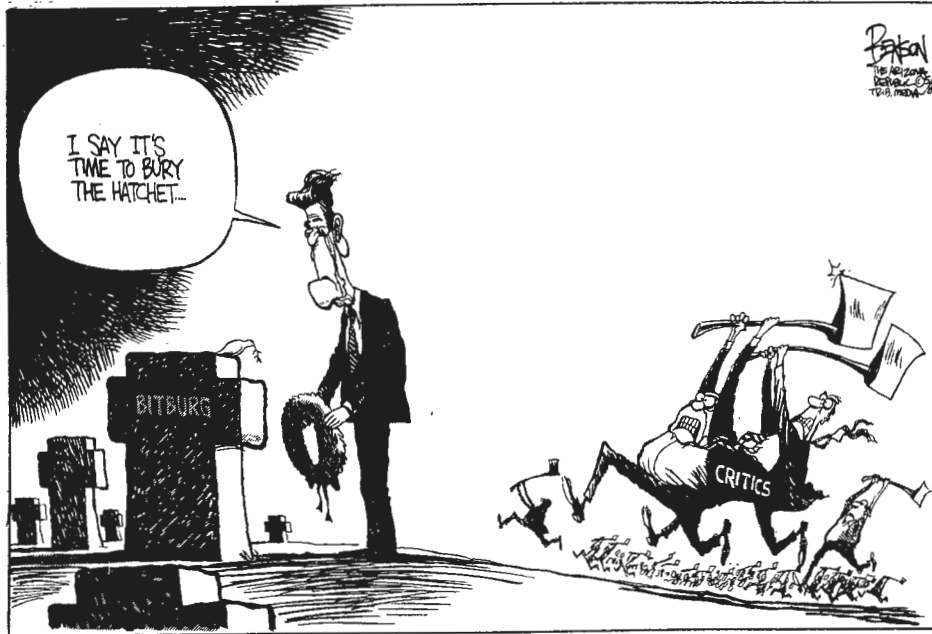
The "great" President Lincoln stomped the South worse than to death during and after the Civil War. Should I, as a descendant of these that Lincoln brutalized through his favorite general — Sherman — refuse to walk to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington? Should the descendants of Union soldiers of the Civil War refuse to acknowledge that General Robert E. Lee was a great man?

What twaddle, piffle, and how silly can you get.

Herewith follows a commentary about Reagan and Bitburg.

I met Grant Beaver at Bitburg.

Well, not exactly, but it all reminds me of the Bitburg blather that's going around today — all the senseless chatter about whether or not President Reagan should or



should not have visited the cemetery.

Grant Beaver lived in Leon, down near Point Pleasant in the state of West Virginia.

Remember some history as I tell you this tale, because history has a lot to do with it.

West Virginia was born of war-torn strife. Western Virginia ripped itself off from the main portion of Old Virginia. Some West Virginians fought against, and perhaps shot down, their own brothers and fathers and sons because of that war.

And because of that, there was a

great deal of anguish and bitterness and resentment among people in this state for many years.

It's rather difficult today to find anyone who really hates Yankees or Confederates with the purple passion that I so often saw displayed among the older generation when I was a small boy.

The word "damnyankee" was one word to me, literally, until I was old enough to resolve it into two words on my own, because I never heard the word "Yankee" spoken without the prefix.

And the first time I ever heard a New Yorker speak of "them damn rebels," I was not at all surprised. I have heard many Northerners speak mightily harshly of people from the Deep South — Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and the others — because they had heard their forefathers and foremothers speak so, perhaps.

And I've heard many Southerners from Georgia speak never a kind word about the horrendous atrocities committed by the famous General Sherman — the great General Sher-

man of the United States Army, who cut a 50-mile-wide swath of death and pestilence from Atlanta to the Atlantic Ocean, devastating the area.

I have heard that the soldiers of Sherman's arms were looters, murderers, rapists and torturers — all with a will.

They must have been, because even the United States history books still carry slight mention of the atrocities they committed on their way to the sea. Nothing was spared, and the world heard through General Sherman of the scorched earth policy, with everything for 50 miles around destroyed — houses, barns, cattle, fields, crops people — everything.

This was a United States army, not a Hitler SS horde.

And in the 1950s, I met Grant Beaver.

Grant Beaver lived in Leon, West Virginia, and he was getting old. He had decorated the graves of Civil War soldiers in Leon Cemetery with a United States flag every Memorial Day for many, many years, and he had not ignored the lone Confederate grave in the cemetery.

"Yes, there are a dozen or more Union soldiers buried here, and that one Confederate," Grant Beaver told me. "I decorate all the graves with an American flag on Memorial Day, and I think it's all right for me to put a flag on the grave of that confederate."

"He did what he thought was right, I'm sure."

Now, you might notice that Grant Beaver did not place a confederate flag on the confederate's grave, though it would have been easy to get one. He put an American flag on

the confederate's grave.

And not one person, in the 50 years that he did that, ever objected to his decorating the grave of the Confederate.

Remember the atrocities that Sherman's army inflicted on the people of the United States?

Must we?

Remember the atrocities that the Confederates inflicted on the Union soldiers?

Must we?

Is it necessary that we today, who enjoy all the benefits of this unified country, keep in the forefront of our memories the fact that atrocities were committed by soldiers in a war?

Was it wrong for President Reagan to place a wreath on a grave in a West German cemetery?

If the president of West Germany visited the White House, would it be wrong for him to place a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington?

Didn't the American armies smash Germany twice?

Didn't the Americans help destroy all that the German nation hoped for during 1916-1918? Didn't the American army destroy the entire German hope again in the early 1940s?

Would it be a moral atrocity for the president of West Germany to place a wreath on the Arlington grave, as a gesture of present-day good will and well wishing?

Personally, I think President Reagan is right and proper, correct and faultless — so long as he doesn't laud and praise the SS, or Nazism as such.

(Adrian Gwin is a former Daily Mail columnist.)

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE A. SMATHERS

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AND VIEWS REGARDING TRIP TO BITBURG

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COMMENTS: FORMER U. S. SENATOR

*Presidential dated May 28 85 to George A. Smathers
sent FYI to Pat Buchanan*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: M. B. OGLESBY, JR.

SUBJECT: Letter on Your European Trip From
Former Senator George A. Smathers

You recently received the attached note from Senator Smathers commending you on your recent trip to Germany.

I thought you would want to see his thoughtful letter.

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George A. Smathers

May 14, 1985

Dear Mr. President:

As one who spent 22 years in the Congress and endured a steady drumbeat from the so-called liberal press, (I had defeated Claude Pepper in 1950 and they never forgave me) and as a Jeffersonian-Jacksonian Democrat I am constrained to write you extending congratulations, on your magnificent display of courage and principle over these last few weeks.

Everyone's hindsight is better than their foresight and the discovery of 49 SS buried 40 years ago at Bitburg, turned out to be a juicy steak dinner for those over-committed liberals of the media who hunger for opportunities to embarrass you - even though their slanderings adversely affects our nation and the free world. Yet, despite them you made us (the majority of citizens outside the North Eastern corridor of the U.S.) truly proud with your gutty appearances and your eloquent speeches.

I felt the "walk out" of the commies at the Strasbourg speech helped all viewers and readers to focus on the real issue of freedom vs. totalitarianism, and your good natured, spontaneous, response made them appear as rude, dangerous and destructive, as they really are.

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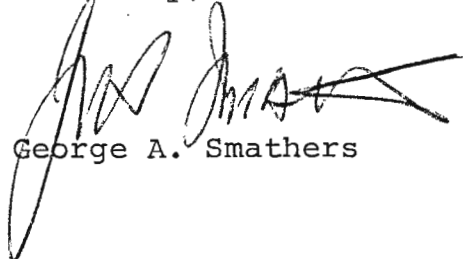
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Mr. President, continue to follow your instincts, they have proven to be right. I'd bet my life if your record were put to a vote throughout our nation today, your hand would once again, be triumphantly raised.

Sincerely,



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

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WASHINGTON

May 28, 1985



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I share your concern about some in the Congress today -- on both sides of the aisle, who seem unable to see any threat from the left, only the right. Well, I'll carry on with renewed strength thanks to your warm and friendly letter.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable George A. Smathers
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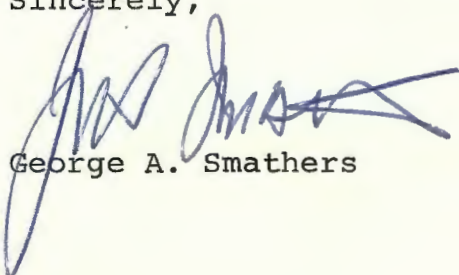
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