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To Lt. Col. Milton E. Friend - With deepest
appreciation, respect & Warm Regard

Ronald Reagan

Support re: Bitberg visit

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN

~~I JUST HEARD YOUR SPEACH ON TV FROM BITBURG YOU MADE ME VERY PROUD OF MY COUNTRY AND VERY PROUD OF MY PRESIDENT YOUR WORDS WERE INSPIRING~~
YOUR REASONS FOR GOING TO BITBURN WERE REASONABLE AND SINCERE. I AM JEWISH AND I AM A RETIRED AIR FORCE COLORNAL WHO WAS SHOT DOWN ON D DAY, 1944 AND WHO FLEW COMBAT IN KOREA AND VIET NAM. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE HOLOCAUST, BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT I AM A PROUD AMERICAN, PROUD OF ALL AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES, PROUD OF BEING JEWISH, AND PROUD OF WHAT YOU DID AND SAID TODAY. YOU WERE ELEGANT. THANK YOU, MR PRESIDENT
MILTON E FRIEND LT COL USAF RETIRED
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DEAR PRESIDENT KEAGAN:

I AM WRITING YOU TODAY TO EXPRESS MY
SYMPATHY FOR THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT
KEAGAN AND TO EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT
HE WILL RECOVER FROM HIS ILLNESS.
I AM A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS
AND I AM PLEASED TO BE A PART OF
THE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN
FORMED TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT KEAGAN.
I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL BE
PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE ARE
DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO
HELP PRESIDENT KEAGAN RECOVER
FROM HIS ILLNESS.

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FROM
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To William J. Dennebaum - With my
heartfelt thanks & great respect.

Warmest Regards
Ronald Reagan

re: Support for Bitburg visit

William J. Dennebaum
P.O.Box 728
Lake Placid
New York 12946

8 May 1985

The President of The United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

Your visit to the German War Cemetery at Bitburg, Germany was, in the face of pressure and protest from the press and various groups, an act of courage. It was also great and responsible statesmanship.

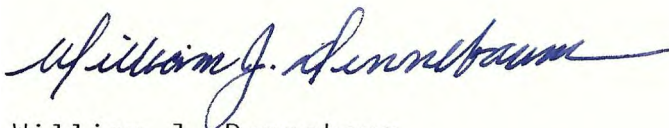
During a reunion of the 36th."Texas" Infantry Division in Italy last October, an old combat buddy and I laid a wreath at the U.S. War Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy as representatives of the Military Order of The Purple Heart. On our left, during that memorable ceremony, also laying a wreath honoring our war dead were representatives of the 26th. Panzer Grenadier Division - men we had fought against forty years ago. We had also honored, in the same way, their war dead at the German War Cemetery in Cassino a few days earlier.

This, after forty years, is the way it should be with friends and allies. None of the Veterans at those War Cemeteries in Italy, German or American, had forgotten the war nor the lessons it had taught. The war we had put behind us - where it belongs. The lessons learned were in evidence at those War Cemeteries in Italy.

Mr. President, you have the everlasting gratitude of this combat veteran and ex-Prisoner of War(captured, by the way, by the Waffen SS - and well treated)for your actions at Bitburg. I hope that the deep meaning of your visit is understood and appreciated by all Americans.

Bravo, Mr. President, and thanks.

Very Truly Yours,



William J. Dennebaum

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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To Steve Kraus - With appreciation, best
wishes & Very Best Regards
Sincerely Ronald Reagan

Support re. Bitberg visit.

Steve Kraus

May 5, 1985

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

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RE: SUPPORT FROM A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Dear Mr. President:

As a survivor of the Holocaust I send you my heartfelt support. I applaud both your speeches at Bergen Belsen and at Bitsburg. I also take this occasion to support your domestic policies and your foreign policy, especially as regards the "fire next door" in Nicaragua.

I was born in 1929 in Warsaw, Poland into a Jewish family. In 1939 we fled the Nazis and, after two years in the Balkans, found our way to what was then the British mandate of Palestine. My father served in the Allied forces; after the war, with our native land falling into the hands of the Communists, we came to this country in 1947.

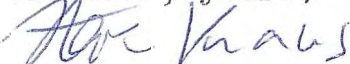
Anyone who has studied the history of the United States knows how abused, how criticized, how misunderstood were our greatest leaders, your predecessors in the White House.

Remember the scorn heaped on Thomas Jefferson for the Louisiana Purchase? Remember the abuse heaped on Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry Truman? And now they are hailed as giants, as the great Presidents - as you shall be in years and centuries to come.

God bless you and keep you, Mr. President. Remember, in moments of fatigue or doubt, in your many and difficult labors, what the Bible says: "A prophet without honor in his own country..." Future generations will pay homage to your labors, your policies and your noble words. Please accept this humble homage from a naturalized citizen who is proud to be an American, and happy that he voted for you both in 1980 and 1984. And were it not for the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution I would be proud and happy to vote for you again in 1988.

To our First Public Servant future generations of Americans will repeat the words of the Bible, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Sincerely yours,


Steve Kraus

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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT BERGEN-BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP
Federal Republic of Germany

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Archbishop John J. O'Connor
452 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

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Your Excellency

I'm taking the liberty of
sending you copies of the talks I
gave at Belsen Concentration Camp & at
our Airbase in Bitburg. Making
that trip was something I felt I had
to do.

Mary's brother Dr. Davis has told me of your very kind words about us & your prayers. Please know how very grateful we are. Sincerely Ronald Reagan
live.

~~HANDWRITING FILE~~

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.

To Archbishop John J. O'Connor - 452 Madison Ave
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Glenn Ford
911 Oxford Way
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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Dear Glenn

I thank you very much for
your kind letter. I've enclosed
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Bergen-Belsen and later at
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Here, death ruled. But we've learned something, as well.
Because of what happened, we found that death cannot rule forever.
And that's why we're here today. We're here because humanity refuses

GLENN FORD

Dear Mr President —

I am so very
Proud of you !!!
my love and respect
to you and your lady — !

 Glenn

911 OXFORD WAY
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Tadeusz Wieniewa-Dziewkanowski
Teddy's Provisions
Rear of 219 Ferry Street
Newark, New Jersey 07105

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To Tadeusz Wieniewa - Dziekanowski - With
great gratitude, respect & every good wish.

Best Regards - Sincerely Ronald Reagan

Support re: trip to Bitburg

S. Sample
(201) 589-8415
Tel. Mitchell 2-1552

Teddy's Provisions

TEDEUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI

Homemade Balogna

REAR OF 219 FERRY STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07105

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May 3, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing primarily to extend my best wishes to you and to inform you I support you wholeheartedly. I know you to be a great man and a champion of liberty and freedom and I wish your continued success in this outstanding endeavor.

I want you to know that we support you in your upcoming European journey and wish you Godspeed and a good trip. Likewise, I support you in your Nicaraguan policy and wish you well and success in that area also.

I am enclosing a photograph of my late mother who perished in Auschwitz and a certification of myself as a liberated person from the concentration camp at Mauthausen-Gusen. Even as a prior victim of the concentration camps and the loss of my beloved mother I still support your trip to Germany and specifically the Bitburg cemetery. I recognize this as a necessity for our beloved United States and I hold no ill feelings and grudges. As has been stated forgive and forget.

I have been very successful in this great country of ours and love it very much. God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Tadeusz Wieniewa Dziekanowski

Tadeusz Wieniewa-Dziekanowski

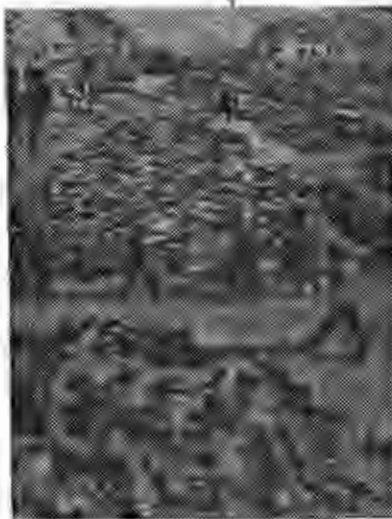
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Stanisława Dziekanowska z domu Grzegorzewska (herbu Topór), matka bohatera książki. Za współpracę z podziemnym ruchem oporu osadzona została w kacie hitlerowskim w Oświęcimiu i następnie poniosła tam śmierć w komorze gazowej.



Pomnik polski w Mauthausen wzniesiony po wojnie według projektu inżyniera architekta Teodora Burszego. Wśród wycieczki polskiej składającej się z byłych więźniów tego kacetu z całego świata, znalazł się także Tadeusz Wieniawa-Dzickanowski, jeńiec obozu Mauthausen-Gusen w latach 1943-1945.



Tak wyglądał fragment obozu koncentracyjnego w miejscowości Nordhausen po wkroczeniu wojsk amerykańskich, kiedy to na kilka godzin przedtem hitlerowcy rozstrzelali setki pozostałych przy życiu jeńców. Zdjęcie pochodzi z unikalnego dokumentu, jednodniówki pod tytułem „Ciemna droga” wydanej w roku 1947 w Polsce przez znanego wśród Polonii Amerykańskiej pisarza i publicystę dra Antoniego Gładysza.



Generał Dwight D. Eisenhower, naczelny dowódca alianckich sił zbrojnych w Europie, po klęsce Trzeciej Rzeszy hitlerowskiej zwiędza w maju 1945 roku jeden z niemieckich obozów zagłady (tutaj, obóz Bergen-Belsen).

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POLISH UNION
OF FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS
OF GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS
MUNICH
PIENZENAUER 15
TEL. 400521

MUNICH, THE 25, 1947

NR
Główna Komisja Weryfikacyjna Polityczna i Narodowa
prześledzonych Polaków przez niemiecki system niemieckiego
sojalistyczny
Monachium

Main Verification Commission
for Poles Politically Persecuted
by German National Socialists
Munich

C E R T I F I C A T E

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We certify herewith that Mr. Dziekanowski Tadeusz, born on the 29.5.1916 at Rogozno /Poland/, is verified by our Main Verification Commission for Poles under the number 3795 and he is known as a ex-prisoner of the German Concentration Camp.

Mr. Dziekanowski Tadeusz was in the German Concentration Camp Mauthausen - Gusen I from 13.I.43. till 5.5.1945.



H. Parvacki
A. Adamiak

Zaświadczenie z 1947 roku wydane przez Polski Związek Więźniów Politycznych Niemieckich Obozów Koncentracyjnych — Oddział w Monachium, stwierdzające pobyt Tadeusza Dziekanowskiego w obozie Mauthausen-Gusen w okresie od stycznia 1943 roku do 5 maja 1945 roku, czyli do dnia wyzwolenia obozu przez Amerykanów.

Tak więc ludzie którzy uwolnili bohatera tej książki z hitlerowskiej niewoli, przybyli z kraju, który dla Tadeusza Dziekanowskiego miał się stać niebawem drugą ojczyzną.

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Rok 1946, Austria. Zdjęcie przedstawia bohatera książki Tadeusza Wienław-Dzidekanowskiego (z prawej) z kolegą z obozu koncentracyjnego w Mauthausen-Gusen Józefem Wierchowskim.

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 10, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. AMEL N. GEORGE

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE
BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY IN GERMANY

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**National Federation of Syrian
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June 4, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

Please accept my respect for your courage and integrity for withstanding the multitudes of pressures that came your way as a result of your planned visit to Bitburg military cemetery in Germany. The criticisms and pressures by both houses of Congress as well as by protesters of veterans, Jewish and other organizations was unwarranted and must have been very aggravating.

I congratulate you, Mr. President, for keeping your commitment to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. I am glad we have a President who says what he means and means what he says.

Sincerely,

Amel N. George

Amel N. George, President
National Federation of
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Anne -

This is an emotion-
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no point other than
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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 11, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. KARL MENNINGER

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GERMANY

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Karl Menninger



The
Menninger
Foundation

June 3, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

We follow your moves and thoughts on television. I know you try your best to decide what you think is the right choice. I disagree with many of your decisions and with your hostile feelings toward Russia.

You recently visited a prison site in Germany. Forty years ago I visited the Buchenwald prison with four other doctors of the American Army Medical Corps. No one could forget what we saw. It was a terrible, terrible, terrible place, expressing human cruelty and depravity beyond ordinary imagination. I don't understand how the German people could have been even temporarily so irrational. But their leader thought he was doing "right" until he finally killed himself. While he lived and talked, they listened to him hopefully. They have been repenting and recovering ever since then.

I am opposed to all forms of shooting, blasting, bombing, torturing, and other military machine killing. I don't consider them a nation's defense or an index of national strength, only of destructive power, which is ultimately self-destructive.

Sincerely,

Karl Menninger, M.D., F.A.P.A.

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 12, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BARBARA B. KENNELLY

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF MRS. ILSE SHEIMAN WHO
IS CONCERNED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
BITBURG CEMETERY

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June 17, 1985

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for sharing with us your constituent's views concerning the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand your constituent's concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes perpetrated against humanity by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan 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.

President Reagan is certain Mrs. Sheiman 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 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.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Barbara Kennelly
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
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BARBARA B. KENNELLY
1ST DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

June 10, 1985

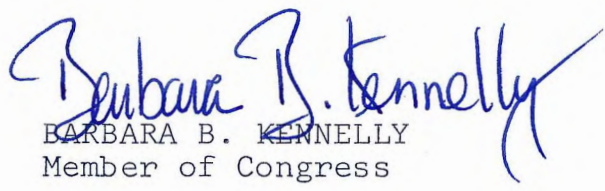
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a letter and a poem I've received from Mrs. Ilse Sheiman, one of my constituents in Connecticut's first Congressional District. Mrs. Sheiman's husband was a Buchenwald survivor who later took his own life.

As you can see, Mrs. Sheiman was deeply disturbed by your visit to Bitburg Cemetery. I thought you might like the opportunity to respond to her concern about your visit.

Sincerely,


BARBARA B. KENNELLY
Member of Congress

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Dear Mrs. Kennelly,
during a recent Jewish Federation function at Netza in Hartford, you were kind enough to give me your card. I had all intentions of contacting your office for help. That matter now appears minor -- it will have to wait.

It would help to restore my faith in democracy if you used your good offices to publish the attached in the Congressional Record. I have never made such a request before (and I have lived in this country since 1940), nor have I ever felt as strongly about an issue before, and I know you share my feelings!

If one doesn't heed the lessons of history, history will repeat itself!

Sincerely,
Ise Sheiman
~~269 Reservoir Road~~
Newington, CT. 06111
~~561-2879~~

P.S. Please see Merrin Kalb's "New S.S. Weather, Old Anti-Semitism" The New York Times May 14, 1985, published after I composed the attached. Actually, the feelings overcame me
Pittsburg

"Ich hat einen Kameraden"..... *

I have been betrayed again!

I am afraid again

I am locking my doors again

I am looking behind me in fear again

I am not safe again

Is it time to pack again?

Nobody has bothered to send me a bullet-proof rest. I need a bullet-proof rest.

* "Ich hat einen Kameraden" -- you don't remember -- full of bullets

"Oh say can you see" -- full of bullets -- I need a bullet-proof rest again!

Is it time to pack again?

* "Eine Kugel kam geflogen"..... you don't remember and because you don't remember -- I am afraid again.

I don't need advance-men who shop for a suitable concentration camp;

don't need speech-writers;

don't need photo-opportunities;

do need protection -- I need that rest again!

is it time to pack again?

* "Gilt zix mir oder gilt zix Dir?"

Surely the bullet is aimed at me because
I am a Jew -- a proud non-forgetting Jew
am a Berliner -- without home or live relatives
am a widow -- sad, lonely widow of a Buchenwald
survivor, who survived only to commit suicide
in this very house

am a mother -- a concerned mother of two American
children who have been forever scarred by
the past, you say, it's time to forget

am a survivor -- only to become afraid again because
my President forgot what "S.S." stands for

am a voter -- dismayed by the brief paragraph
in history text-books, covering "the short" 12
years of "Nazism"

am an American citizen -- who is asked to believe
that 18 silent minutes in a place containing
evil men who volunteered to slaughter, equals
a speech in a place containing a part of
those they slaughtered -- ONE THIRD of
European Jewry -- all of them civilians --
MORE JEWS THAN LIVE IN AMERICA
40 YEARS LATER

am the conscience of those without ^a conscience
am the voice of those whose voice has been silenced
am a refugee, because once again I am afraid
to open my door to answer my phone.
+ time to pack again?

* "Kann Dir die Land nicht geben"
What has changed?

- Why are they still playing songs glorifying war?
- Why are they still claiming they were too young to fight?
- Why are they still insisting they didn't realize?
- Why are they still following orders?
- Why are they still permitting the Nazis to have a reunion?
- Why are they still hauling away mourners?
- Why are they telling us that it's time to forget?
- Why? Why? Why?
- Is it time to pack again?

* "Dawcil ich eben lad"

- shall become a protester
- shall become a citizen of the world
- shall cry out that anti-semitism is on the rise
- shall scream that Holocaust means nuclear holocaust
- shall become a reminder -- it CAN happen here
- shall point out that 40 years is a mere second in the course of history
- shall explain to those yet unborn that we must remember, that we must be ever vigilant, that we want peace
- shall hope that the "theys" will unite with the "wels" to form one peaceful world, or where will I go once we packed again?

* "Ich Hat Einen Kameraden". German words, played at Bittburg cemetery ceremony during President Reagan's visit, as well as during Nazi regime ... translated and summarized below:

... I had a good friend. We marched off to war together. A bullet flew through the air. Is the bullet aimed at me, or at my friend? The bullet was aimed at him. It threw him to the ground. He's lying at my feet, dying. He wanted to shake my hand, to say 'good-bye'.

... But, I could not shake his hand -- I was too busy re-loading my gun...

NB

BITBURG DE Ron Alvarado

ID# 316165

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR123-01

INCOMING

JUN 17 1985

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT E. VANDUSEN

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

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July 8, 1985

Dear Mr. VanDusen:

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 family's wartime experience.

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,

Mr. Robert E. VanDusen
Chairman
Herkimer County Legislature
Post Office Box 471
Herkimer, New York 13350

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cc: Ron Alvarado ✓

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For almanac

May 7, 1985

Dear Mr President,

I had three brothers who served in World War II. I served in the Korean war.

Let me say that your efforts at reconciliation with the German people is to be commended.

I and my family are proud of you and I do not feel it in any way has injured or lessened our sympathy or concern for our Jewish brethren.

May god bless you for your courageous efforts.

Respectfully,

Robert E. VanDusen
Chairman Herkimer Co. Legislature

Incidentally I am not of German extraction

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1985

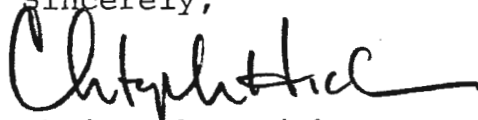
Dear Congressman Volkmer:

M.B. Oglesby, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, asked me to respond to your June 11, 1985 letter on behalf of a constituent requesting information about the cost of the President's recent trip to Germany.

The cost of that trip was paid from funds of the State Department, and accordingly, I am unable to provide the information you requested.

Please thank your constituent for his interest in the President.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hicks
Deputy Assistant
to the President
for Administration

The Honorable Harold L. Volkmer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 17, 1985

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your June 11 letter requesting information regarding the cost of the President's trip to Europe.

Please be assured that this correspondence has been relayed to the appropriate Administration officials in order that your inquiry may receive further attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Harold L. Volkmer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. M. B. Oglesby
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

I am in receipt of a constituent's inquiry concerning the cost of President Reagan's recent trip to Europe.

I would appreciate it very much if you would forward this information to me at your earliest convenience at my office here in Washington, D.C. If you have any questions, please contact me by telephoning 225-2956.

Thanking you in advance for this consideration, I am

Sincerely,



Harold L. Volkmer
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR/23-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RALPH REGULA

SUBJECT: REQUESTS PHOTOS OF THE PRESIDENT TAKEN ON
HIS RECENT VISIT TO BITBURG FOR GEORGE R.
BECHTEL

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July 1, 1985

Dear Ralph:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your photograph request on behalf of George Bechtel.

Per your request, I have forwarded the photographs directly to your constituent.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Ralph Regula
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Washington, D.C. 20515
June 10, 1985

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M. B. Oglesby
Office of Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. ^{B.}Oglesby:

My office contacted you earlier this week concerning a request from a constituent for photographs of President Reagan taken on his recent visit to Bitburg.

My office was told to forward this constituent's name and address and you would see to it that at least one picture was sent. The information is as follows:

George R. Bechtel
P.O. Box 35184
Canton, Ohio 44735-5184

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Regula".

Ralph Regula, M.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 17, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. GWILLIAM

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

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July 8, 1985

Dear Mayor Gwilliam:

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 George W. Gwilliam
Mayor of Baker City
Baker, Oregon 97814

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Peace — after 40 years of anguish

■ Alma B. Sonne is a high councilor in the Whittier California Stake. The following are excerpts from a speech he gave at the priesthood session of Whittier-1st Ward conference.

BY ALMA B. SONNE

WHITTIER, CALIF.

Iwo Jima is a small island, located about 700 miles off the coast of Japan. During World War II, it was a Japanese stronghold and was considered by many military experts to be so well fortified that it couldn't be conquered. Here, one of the most decisive battles of the Pacific was fought between American and Japanese forces.

The U.S. Marines landed there on Feb. 19, 1945. The ensuing battle turned out to be one of the most costly of the war.

Thirty-six days later, 7,000 Marines were dead, 23,000 were wounded and only 1,000 Japanese survived.

I was a rifle platoon leader and landed in the assault wave on the beach with 45



of what I thought were the finest Marines. Just 36 days later, I boarded ship with only eight men left.

I decided to revisit Iwo Jima for a 40th anniversary . . . commemorative service on the island. . . . However, I began

reliving the terrible moments of the bloody battle, and at one point, found that my decision to go had reopened so many bad memories that I just about opted against it. To keep in tune with what the Lord might want me to do, I fasted, prayed and went to the temple. By doing this, I was able to reaffirm my decision to go.

We left Tokyo the morning of Feb. 19 at 4 a.m. When we got to the island, we stepped off the plane to a beautiful sunny day with a calm breeze swaying the trees and green brush.

In traveling over the island, I had difficulty locating the once-familiar areas of our operation. The battle-scarred island, once marred with war dead, guns, tanks and bomb craters and stripped of vegetation . . . presented a pastoral beauty as if the battle had never happened.

On the day of our visit, a tough sergeant major . . . said, with tears streaming down his cheeks, "God certainly must have been wearing His dress blues for this day." We were all touched by the events of that day, as if the Lord had planned it especially for us.

As I stood at the top of Suribachi volcano, I felt the quietude of the island. An overpowering feeling came over me, accompanied by an inner peace and a serenity that matched the peaceful island. It was as if the Lord was trying to say, "The battle is over. I have cleansed this island and washed it of its battle scars. Now you must put aside the bad memories of the battle, for they, too, must be erased to put your mind to rest."

I left the island with a serenity that had finally been found after 40 years of mental anguish.

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June 12, 1985

H. Alameda

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

As I read this article in the L.D.S. (Mormon) church news, I thought of you and the decision you made to visit the cemetery at Bitsburg. I want you to know that many agreed with your visit and this article expresses my feelings exactly. We need to forgive, move on, and continue to work for peace. We cannot do it by dwelling on the past.

May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you and give you inspiration and direction in the many great and important decisions you have to make for the good and betterment of this great nation.

Sincerely,
George W. Gwilliam

George W. Gwilliam, Mayor
Baker City
Baker, Or. 97814

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PATRICIA SILVERSMITH

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BITBURG

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

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Ms. Patricia Silversmith
DATE: May 23, 1985 SUBJECT: The President's
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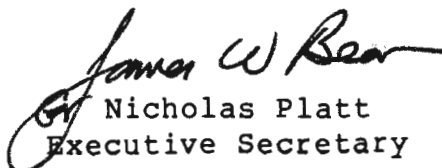
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Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 28, 1985

Ms. Patricia Silversmith
Apartment 402
564 Sarah Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

Dear Ms. Silversmith:

I am replying to your May 23 letter to President Reagan 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."

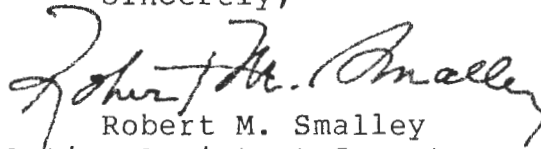
President Reagan strongly believes, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. In this spirit, he was asked by Chancellor Kohl, and accepted the invitation, to visit a German military cemetery in Bitburg.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Smalley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert M. Smalley
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs

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JUNE 20, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 316369
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 23, 1985
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE PATRICIA SILVERSMITH
APARTMENT 402
564 SARAH LANE
ST. LOUIS MO 63141

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BITBURG

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Patricia Glaser Silversmith

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May 23

Dear President Reagan,

It has been very interesting and enjoyable serving on your Council for Vocational Education. We are working on many ways to help improve the quality of vocational education.

During the Bitburg visit many of my friends called on me to please call the White House and to express their regrets over your visit. I feel that I have ensured them that you did what was best for our country, and through your leadership our country will continue to prosper.

Again I am honored to be a member of your council.

Cordially,

Pat Silversmith

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 26, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOE BARTON

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURE LETTER FROM HAROLD B. DORSEY
REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT TRIP TO
BITBURG

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June 27, 1985

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of June 17 enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Harold B. Dorsey, expressing his support for the President's visit to the Bitburg cemetery.

Your interest in bringing this message to our attention is greatly appreciated. President Reagan was grateful to receive Mr. Dorsey's comments and to know of his expression of support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Joe Barton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JOE BARTON
SIXTH DISTRICT
TEXAS

June 17, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to bring to your attention a letter that I received from one of my constituents which I feel expresses the sentiments of a great number of America's veterans regarding your recent trip to Bitburg.

I feel that Mr. Dorsey's moving letter is an apt reflection of the true spirit of American patriotism and goodwill that have helped to make this country the leader of the free world. I also believe that Mr. Dorsey speaks for a silent majority of America's veterans in his support of your efforts to strengthen the ties of friendship between ourselves and our allies in the Federal Republic of Germany.

I pledge my continued support in our efforts to build a better future for ourselves and our children. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Barton".

Joe Barton
Member of Congress

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April 22, 1985

Congressman Joe Barton
1017 Longworth Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barton:

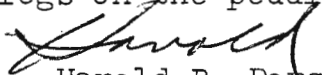
Thank you for responding to my letter concerning the problems that my mother has had with the Veterans Administration and your offer to help. I regret that I did not indicate that I felt that I could remedy the situation and that the purpose of my letter to you was to call to your attention the callousness of many of the Veterans Administration employees and their lack of concern for the veterans and veteran's widows that they were employed to serve.

As a veteran of World War II with five campaign stars and an arrowhead on my ETO ribbon indicating that I landed on an unsecured beachhead at H-hour plus two, I am very concerned about the unqualified endorsement of the Veterans Administration by the American Legion, an organization that I have belonged to as far back as I can remember having enough money to join. This organization does not represent the thinking of my WWII friends and comrades.

I have sent my membership card back to National Commander Clarence M. Bacon in protest and I think you should be aware that the American Legion represents and speaks only for the politically active hierarchy of an organization which represents a very small percentage of the WW II veterans. Most of us only have used the organization for communications and information concerning our organization reunions.

I think that you should be aware that those of us that I have been in communication with who were in the North African, Sicilian, Italian, and European operations strongly support President Reagan in his efforts to heal the breach by laying a wreath at a German cemetery. I think that most of us were aware at the time that the ordinary German soldier was only fighting for his homeland as we were.

In the very first days of 1945 our very small unit was in control of a mountain pass in the vicinity of Ste. Marie Aux Mines while we were in support of the 2nd French Corps in the Colmar Pocket. There was a small German cemetery in the pass containing the kids that had defended the pass before we came. As an immature 21 year old sergeant, I looked at the head stones but could not see German soldiers but only the faces of boys like Smith, Tolbert, Ahlers, the kid whose name we didn't even get to know, and my buddy, Mc Donald. As I look at the picture of the cemetery today I cry on the inside almost as much for them as I do for Mac. You never get over it. Hobnail boots sticking out of a pile of rubble haunt you just as much as burned stubs of legs on the peddles of a burned out Sherman.


Harold B. Dorsey
1605 Ferris, Waxahachie, TX 75165

JOE BARTON
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June 7, 1985

Mr. Harold B. Dorsey
1605 Ferris
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thank you for your very moving letter in which you expressed your views on a number of issues important to America's veterans. I sincerely appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

I share your belief that President Reagan was correct in participating in the memorial ceremony at Bitburg. I feel that the Federal Republic of Germany is one of our closest allies, and that it is time to let old wounds heal and begin strengthening our bonds of friendship.

I, too, believe that many veterans organizations do not always speak for the majority opinions of the average veteran in my district. I trust that I can continue to count on your input as Congress considers issues of interest to veterans, to supplement the input I receive from the official spokesmen for the various veterans groups.

Once again, thank you for writing. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Barton", written over a large, stylized "A" or similar mark.

Joe Barton
Member of Congress

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