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June 17, 1985

Dear Dolly:

Thanks so much for your support and encouragement. They mean more than you can know. Nancy and I enjoyed the trip but, as always, we are pleased to be back in the good old U.S.A.

We send our appreciation and our warm regards to you and Bobby.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Mrs. Dolly Vinton
1515 Amalfi Drive
Pacific Palisades, California 90272

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Support for the President's trip to Butteburg

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosures:

Other:

Handwritten initials and scribbles

Dear Dolly: _____

*Bobby
Kinton's
Wife*

*Stanley -
Close friend?
~~Stanley~~*

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May 5, 1985

Dear Mr. President:

It is truly with a glad heart that I write to offer my thanks. You are truly a man of courage. The pressure of some communities before, during and most certainly after, your visit to Bitburg, have been tremendous. You have shown the world you are not one to flatter.

My dear Mr. [unclear]

I thanked God, this morning
as I watched your visit, that
you are helping the United
States gain and maintain
friendly ties that we want and
need. Continue not to allow
the people of this marvelous
country to act like spoiled
children. Continue to be the
strong and caring parent that
every child, on occasion, resists.

Sincerely Sally Clinton

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June 17, 1985

Dear Mr. Sacher:

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your letter and the framed painting which you presented prior to the President and First Lady's trip to the Federal Republic of Germany. Please know that the President appreciates your kind interest in sharing your symbolic artwork with him and that you have his best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Helmut Sacher
Am Bogen 81
8031 Eichenau
Federal Republic of Germany

AH:CMF:JEH:AVH:mds

DISPATCH THRU STATE.

June 5, 1985

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Helmut Sacher
Am Bogen 81
8031 Eichenau
Federal Republic of Germany

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A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'AH', written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible, appearing as a series of loops and lines.

WHITE HOUSE GIFT REGISTER
(For President/First Lady)

Please Complete as Thoroughly as Possible

Send Gift and Register to: White House Gift Unit, Room 494, OEOB (456-7133)

Date: May 3, 1985

Date Gift Received: April 22, 1985 Accepted By or Presented to: Mr. Greg Engle

Title: GSO

Office: American Consulate General, Munich

GIFT
INTENDED
FOR

President: First Lady: President & First Lady:

Other First Family Member (Name): _____

DONOR
INFORMATION

Name of Donor: Mr. Helmut Sacher

Title of Donor: artist

Address of Donor: Am Bogen 81, 8031 Eichenau, Federal Republic of Germany

Country: Fed. Rep. of Germany

PRESENTED BY:

Donor: X Other (Name): _____

Address: _____

GIFT
INFORMATION

Circumstances of Presentation: (including date, location, and purpose of event) presented to American Consulate General in Munich and forwarded to the American Embassy in Bonn (see attached letter from artist)

Description of Gift: painting entitled "In the Shadow of the Past"

one - 67" x 53"
for - 71" x 58"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Copy Attached: _____ To be Handled by Gift Unit: X

Coordinate acknowledgment with other office: _____
(ie, Hospitality, NSC, State)

REPORT
PREPARED
BY

Name: Thomas B. Robertson Tel: (0228) 339-2103

Office: Political Section, Amembassy Bonn Room No.: 1621

OTHER
COMMENTS

letter from artist attached

For Gift Unit Use:

Date received: _____ Through: _____

On the occasion of President Reagan's visit to the FRG, Helmut Sacher, an artist from Eichenau (Bavaria), wants to present his painting "In the Shadow of the Past" to the President. Following is an informal Embassy translation of Helmut Sacher's interpretation of his painting.

BEGIN TEXT

I got the idea to paint the picture "In the Shadow of the Past" in 1984 during my vacation in Vendee near La Rochelle in France.

Here we were closely in touch with the past in view of La Rochelle's commemorating the 40th anniversary of its liberation from the Germans.

The overwhelming coastal landscape and the helpless feeling to be caught by the past sponsored this picture.

It would be too much to list all the ideas that shaped the picture.

A few days ago President Reagan gave a speech on American TV expressing exactly what I and definitely millions of Germans are concerned about.

He addressed the feelings of guilt of our past which always recur in Germany and especially in foreign countries.

President Reagan precisely indicated what affected me while painting this picture.

That is why I spontaneously thought I should present it to the President on the occasion of his visit to Germany.

I would appreciate his accepting and understanding my present.

signed: Helmut Sacher

END TEXT

Helmut Sacher
Am Bogen 81
8031 Eichenau

25.3.85

Der Gedanke zu dem Bild " IM SCHATTEN DER VERGANGENHEIT " wurde 1984 geboren- während meines Urlaubs in der französischen Vendeé in der Nähe von La Rochelle.

Dort berührte uns die Vergangenheit hautnah,- man feierte in La Rochelle den vierzigjährigen Jahrestag der Befreiung von den Deutschen.

Die grandiose Küstenlandschaft und das hilflose Gefühl, von den Gewalten der Vergangenheit eingeholt zu werden, standen Pate zu meinem Bild.

Es würde zu weit gehen, hier alle Gedanken, denen ich mit dem Bild Gestalt gab, aufzuführen.

Vor einigen Tagen hielt der Amerikanische Präsident im U.S.-Fernsehen eine Rede, in der er genau das ansprach, was mir- und mit mir sicher millionen Deutschen auf dem Herzen liegt.

Er ging auf die Schuldgefühle wegen unserer Vergangenheit ein, die im Deutschen- insbesondere im Ausland- immer wieder aufsteigen.

Präsident Reagan ließ genau das anklingen, was mich beim malen des Bildes bewegt hatte.

Deshalb kam mir spontan der Gedanke, dem Präsidenten anlässlich seines Deutschlandbesuches mein Bild zu schenken.

Ich würde mich freuen, wenn er mein Geschenk annähme und es verstünde.

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June 17, 1985

Dear Mr. Schulenburg:

President Reagan asked me to thank you for your kind letter and the specially created perfume in the hand-blown bottle which you presented for Mrs. Reagan on the occasion of their trip to the Federal Republic of Germany. They want you to know that they deeply appreciate this thoughtful gesture of friendship and goodwill on behalf of your company and the people of Erfstadt.

With the President and First Lady's best wishes to you, your staff, and all the residents of your community,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. H. J. Schulenburg
PPF International
Postfach 1328
D-5042 Erfstadt
Federal Republic of Germany

AH:CMF:JEH:AVH:mds

DISPATCH THRU STATE.

June 5, 1985

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Mr. H. J. Schulenburg
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D-5042 Erfstadt
Federal Republic of Germany

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PPF INTERNATIONAL



GESCHÄFTSLEITUNG

Bonner Ring 43
D-5042 Erftstadt

PPF International (Deutschland) GmbH, Postfach 1328, D-5042 Erftstadt

Telefon (02235) 6005
Telex 888930

To the President of
the United States of America
c/o Schloß Gymnich

5042 Erftstadt-Gymnich

HJS/PF

2.5.1985

Dear Mr. President,

the people of Erftstadt are most honoured and delighted that you and Mrs. N. Reagan have chosen to reside in the castle of Erftstadt-Gymnich during your stay in the Federal Republic of Germany.

As a token of our appreciation and as a memento of your visit to our town we should like to present you with the enclosed bottle of perfume which has actually been created by a renowned perfumer of our company.

It will not be released for general sale and the secret formulation has been safe-deposited under the internal code name "First Lady".

This sophisticated and elegant fragrance represents a well balanced and harmonious mélange of natural essential oils supported by precious wood and delicate floral components.

We would want to think that your charming wife will like this exclusive creation and would be only too pleased to furnish you with repeat samples upon request.

Yours sincerely,


H. J. Schulenburg

In 1977, the influential Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, N. Y., announced that one of Eric White's perfume bottles had been chosen by the Museum for inclusion in its microfiche library of contemporary glass. This annual photographic survey has been established to provide a record of the most significant glass pieces made each year throughout the world. The judging criteria focused on overall quality, with emphasis on originality and craftsmanship.

WHITE HOUSE GIFT REGISTER
(For President/First Lady)

Please Complete as Thoroughly as Possible

Send Gift and Register to: White House Gift Unit, Room 494, OEOB (456-7133)

Date: May 3, 1985

Date Gift Received: May 3, 1985

Accepted By or Presented to: Thomas B. Robertson

Title: Political Officer

Office: Amembassy Bonn

GIFT
INTENDED
FOR

President: First Lady: President & First Lady:

Other First Family Member (Name): _____

DONOR
INFORMATION

Name of Donor: PPF International; Juergen Schulenburg, Director

Title of Donor: --

Address of Donor: Bonner Ring 43, 5042 Erftstadt

Country: Fed. Repub. of Germany

PRESENTED BY:

Bontfuder 1328

Donor: Other (Name): _____

Address: _____

GIFT
INFORMATION

Circumstances of Presentation: (including date, location, and purpose of event) presented by Mr. Schulenburg
May 3 at the American Embassy

Description of Gift: bottle of perfume made with secret formula under code name
"First Lady"; bottle is hand-blown by renown English artist;
(see letter attached)

\$100. bottle only

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Copy Attached: _____ To be Handled by Gift Unit:

Coordinate acknowledgment with other office: _____
(ie, Hospitality, NSC, State)

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PREPARED
BY

Name: Thomas B. Robertson Tel: (0228) 339-2103

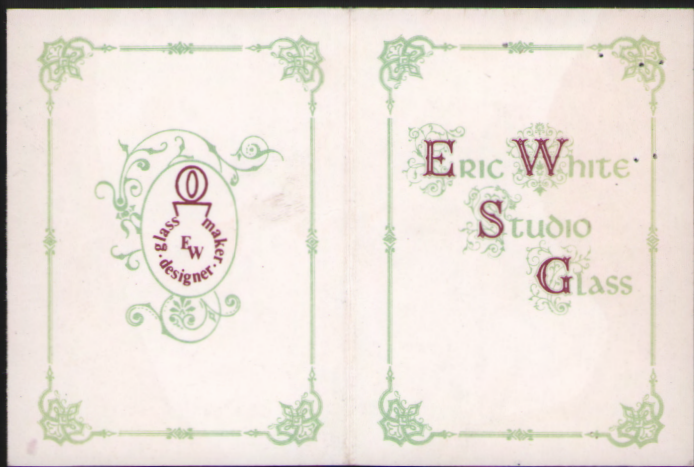
Office: Political section, Amembassy Bonn Room No.: 1621

OTHER
COMMENTS

For Gift Unit Use:

Date received: _____

Through: _____



ERIC White
STUDIO
Glass



Designed and made at his Studio
by the English glass craftsman
Eric White, this attractive free-blown
glass craftwork is unique.

It typifies the craftsmanship sought by
British and overseas collectors
of Eric White's creations.

It bears the engraved signature of

Eric White

CAD -

He is a distinguished
VIP but a frequent
writer. Because his
proposal is OTSSE, suggest
~~no~~ reply needed now.
(He got an AM or RM reply
in March or April.) -DE
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agree.
Chris

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITEHOUSE DC

WASHINGTON DC 20500

TO FOLLOW UP MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH A MEMBER OF YOUR SECRETARIAL STAFF ON THE 27 OF APRIL 1985 CONCERNING YOUR FORTHCOMING TRIP TO GERMANY. I SEND YOU THIS TELGRAM TO ASSURE THAT MY RESPECTFUL SUGGESTIONS REACH YOU.

THE LAST RESOLUTION AND DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY WOODROW WILSON WAS OFFERED BY ME TO BRING BACK AN UNKNOWN SOLDIER FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE FOR BURIAL IN THE ARLINGTON AMPHITHEATRE. THE BURIAL TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 11 19²1 AND I PLACED THE ONLY WREATH REPRESENTING THE CONGRESS AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BEFORE 75,000 PEOPLE. THE TOMB IS NOW ESTABLISHED AS A MOST SACRED MONUMENT TO OUR WAR DEAD. AS PAST COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND MEMBER OF CONGRESS FOR 25 YEARS I UNDERSTAND THAT FRANCE, ENGLAND AND ITALY ALSO COMMEMORATE THEIR WAR DEAD THROUGH THEIR UNKNOWN SOLDIERS. I FURTHER BELIEVE THE GERMANS ALSO HAVE SUCH A MONUMENT OR SUCH EQUIVALENT. BY PLACING A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE GERMAN UNKNOWN SOLDIER IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST HONOR WE COULD BESTOW ON THE SOLDIERS WHO FAUGHT AND DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN WHAT IS NOW EAST AND WEST GERMANY. IF THERE IS AN AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY IN GERMANY A WREATH COULD BE PLACED THERE AND ALSO AT A CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR THE JEWISH VICTIMS. IF THIS IS DONE BY YOU BOTH GERMANS EAST AND WEST AND AMERICANS WOULD APPLAUD YOUR WISE ACTION. THRITY YEARS AFTER OUR BITTER CIVIL WAR WITH GREAT CASUALTIES FORMER CONFEDERATE OFFICERS SERVED IN TOP COMMAND IN OUR WAR WITH SPAIN. FORTY YEARS AFTER OUR PEACE WITH GERMANY IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY TO UNDERMINE OUR NOW HIGHLY IMPORTANT FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY AGAINST THE FURTHER SPEAD OF COMMUNISM IN WESTERN EUROPE.

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July 1, 1985

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Dear Professor Neusner:

Thank you very much for your kind message, for sending the newspaper columns -- including your own! -- and for your 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 and your thoughtfulness has indeed brightened my day.

Sincerely,

RONALD DEAGAN

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The Honorable Jacob Neusner
Co-Director
Program in Judaic Studies
Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island 02912

(NOTE: Clear w/Breger when typed.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1985

Memo for Marshall Breger:
From: Dan Engler
Re: Clearance of Presidential
Reply to Professor Jacob
Neusner

Would your office be able to clear
this reply to Professor Neusner
(it is dated July 1)? If the
letter is all right, would your
office please return it to us for
signing and mailing?

Thank you very much,

Dan Engler
Dan Engler
Correspondence
Division
Rm. 96
x7610

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*cleared by
Marshall Breger
7-1-85*

~~Letter~~

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Program in Judaic Studies
Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island 02912-1826
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Jacob Neusner
Co-Director
University Professor
The Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies

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6.14.85

Dear Mr. President,

William Buckley sent you a paragraph from the enclosed, and I thought you might like it in its printed version.

I hope this cheers your day. You have done so much, you deserve a good word once in a while.

My deep thanks, also, for what you have done for me personally,
Sincerely,
Jacob Neusner

Elie Wiesel lectured

By JACOB NEUSNER



If Elie Wiesel had asked me my advice about what to say to President Reagan and how to say it, I would have told him this:

Remember, not everyone in the world is Jewish.

By that I mean, remember that there are many people in the world who do not see things our way and who do not understand how we see things. To them, as to us all, the President is President. Treat him with respect, with dignity owing to his office, even with tact.

ABOVE ALL, remember that he is a person of enormous good will for the Jewish people. He has done more for the State of Israel than any president before him (and many have written enviable records).

So do not lecture him, condescend to him, treat him as though he does not feel the things we feel or understand us. He is a man of enormous good will, and especially for us Jews.

He is a friend, not an enemy.

When the whole world condemned Israel for its invasion of Lebanon in 1982, the President defended the State of Israel and its actions. He lost political capital by doing so. He has paid his dues, he owes us no apologies.

HE IS sympathetic to our feelings and concerns, not hostile.

Friends are permitted to disagree. So, as the Israeli position wisely stated matters: Friends are friends, and mistakes are mistakes. Now let's get on with life.

Now that Bitburg is behind us, we can look back with some regret at the needlessly emotional atmosphere in which our tragedy, which was the tragedy of humanity, reached public consciousness. Things were altogether too contentious.

Our people appeared — as

Mr. Wiesel showed the country in his rather discourteous lecture to the President — less concerned for the standing and feeling of our friends than we might have shown. The President, for his part, did all that was humanly possible to express for the world the depth of the tragedy of the Shoah. What more could we have hoped in the cause of remembering the Shoah than what President Reagan accomplished for us and for all humanity?

THE PRESIDENT did not gain, and we lost. So we felt self-righteous, but it was the President who went on, at Bergen Belsen, to give one of the great speeches of our time on the subject beyond all speech.

Who taught the world about the Shoah, if not President Reagan in his profound and moving address? I do not think that Mr. Wiesel did so well as did Mr. Reagan.

We have to remember that we are not the only ones who live in America. We do have many friends and allies, people who not only believe in the same things but also respect us. Their good will is worth nurturing.

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Dear General Breckner:

On behalf of the White House Military Office I want to thank you and the 17th Air Force for the superb support which you provided President Reagan on his recent trip to the Federal Republic of Germany. I appreciate the extra work imposed on your command by the requirement to support a four aircraft detachment in Bonn and in Hanover. The marines from Marine Helicopter Squadron One informed me that your helicopters reflected long hours of maintenance and preparation. I especially want to commend Lieutenant Colonel Rosenbaum for his cooperation and assistance. His experience and knowledge of our requirements made our job much easier. I also wish to acknowledge Master Sergeant Kueruerz, the detachment maintenance chief, for his help in preparing the aircraft.

Please convey my thanks to all personnel involved in this visit. My best wishes to you and your command for continued success.

Sincerely,

EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.
Assistant to the President

Major General William J. Breckner, Jr.
17th Air Force/CC
Sembach Air Base, Germany
APO New York 09130

enclosed autograph photograph

To the Men and Women of the
601st Tactical Control Wing,
With appreciation and best wishes, Ronald Reagan



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1985

Dear Colonel Blansett:

On behalf of the Military Office of the White House I want to thank you for your outstanding support and assistance during the President's trip to Bitburg. The President and the White House Staff were very impressed by the men and women at Bitburg Air Base. Your warm reception brightened the day for everyone in the official party. I hope that the enclosed photograph will be a pleasant memento of the President visit.

With best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

ROBERT R. IVANY
Major, U. S. Army
Army Aide to the President

Colonel Bennie Blansett
CSG Commander
36th Tactical Fighter Wing
Bitburg Air Base, Germany
APO New York 09132

To Colonel Bennie Blansett
With appreciation and best wishes,

UACG
Ronald Reagan

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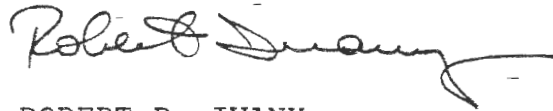
Dear Colonel Robinson:

On behalf of the Military Office of the White House I want to thank you for your outstanding support during the President's trip to Bitburg. The President and the White House Staff were very impressed by the men and women of your command. Your warm reception brightened the day for everyone in the official party.

I hope that the enclosed autographed photograph will be a pleasant memento of the President's visit. I have also enclosed some photos taken by the White House photographer. If you wish to use them in an official publication I request that you receive authorization from the White House Photo Office, attention Ms. Carol Greenwalt, Room 475, OEOB. If there is anything more that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to write or call me.

With every best wish for continued success.

Sincerely,



ROBERT R. IVANY
Major, U. S. Army
Army Aide to the President

Colonel Peter D. Robinson
Wing Commander
36th Tactical Fighter Wing
Bitburg Air Base, Germany
APO New York 09132

To Colonel Peter Robinson
With appreciation and best wishes,
Douglas + Ronald Reagan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 2, 1985

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Dear General Ridgway:

The President's inscription on the attached photograph expresses our sentiments concerning your visit to Bitburg last month. We sincerely thank you for flying to Germany with Mrs. Ridgway and participating in the ceremony. Your presence made a great impression on the military community and on the official White House party. I've enclosed some autographed photos taken at the cemetery and aboard Air Force One. I hope they will be pleasant mementos of your visit.

In addition to the photograph from the President, I've enclosed autographed photos from the First Lady. If we can do anything for you or Mrs. Ridgway, please do not hesitate to write or call me here in the Military Office.

Sincerely,



ROBERT R. IVANY
Major, U. S. Army
Army Aide to the President

General Matthew B. Ridgway
918 W. Waldhelm Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

General Matthew B. Ridgway
918 W. Waldhelm Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215

*Ridgway
my very best wishes,
Joocy Reagan*

*General Matthew Ridgway
with warmest wishes,
Joocy Reagan*



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

General Matthew B. Ridgway
918 W. Waldhelm Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215

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Loucy Reagan*

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

General Matthew B. Ridgway
918 W. Waldhelm Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215

To Gen. Matthew Ridgway - With my heartfelt thanks & warmest regards.
Ronald Reagan

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July 9, 1985

Dear Tova and Ernie:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your message. 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 comment as you did and your message means a great deal to me.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ron A

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borgnine
3055 Lake Glen Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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NOTE: To be signed "Ron"

Ernest Borgnine

WIFE: TOVE & A

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"Tove + Ernie" signed "Ron"

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR SIR, THERE ARE MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BEAT A DEAD HORSE
FOREVER. DON'T BE DOWNHEARTED. YOU JUST DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT...
GOD BLESS,

TOVA AND ERNEST BORGNINE

3055 LAKE GLEN DR

BEVERLY HILLS CA 90210

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July 9, 1985

Dear Billy Ray:

Please forgive my tardiness in answering your kind message of support for my trip to West Germany. Your generous words mean a great deal to me.

You are so right about the need for reconciliation and for building peace among nations. This was what was in my mind with regard to the Bitburg visit. You are right as well that we must continue to emphasize this theme. As I said in my Proclamation designating Memorial Day, 1985 a day of prayer for permanent peace, we must honor the brave Americans who have paid the highest price for their commitment to the ideals of peace, freedom and justice, but we can pay our debt to them only by our own commitment to preserving those ideals.

I will continue to do everything I can to keep faith with those who have fought and died in the cause of liberty so that we can spare coming generations from a repetition of the tragedies of the past. With the prayers and help of leading citizens like yourself, I know we will succeed.

Thank you again and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Billy Ray Cameron
National Commander in Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

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PMS THE PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE DC

I COMMEND YOUR DECISION TO VISIT ONE OF THE WORST NIGHTMARISH SIGHTS OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN. I COMMEND YOU FOR HAVING CHOSEN ON THIS VISIT TO A FREE GERMANY TO EMPHASIZE THE THEME OF 40 YEARS OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE. I UNDERSTAND, SIR, THAT YOUR VISIT TO THE GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG, WHERE TWO THOUSAND SOLDIERS ARE BURIED, WAS UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF CHANCELLOR KOHL, TO HELP PUT BEHIND OUR TWO PEOPLES THE HATRED AND ENMITY THAT EXISTED BETWEEN OUR NATION'S DURING THE WAR. I COMMEND THAT PURPOSE OF RECONCILIATION.

I ALSO COMMEND YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR RECOGNITION, ON THIS COMING VISIT, THAT VICTORY OVER WAR CAN BEST BE ASSURED BY STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FREE NATIONS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT FREE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WILL DRAW, FROM THE EVILS OF THE PAST, THE LESSONS THAT ALONE CAN PREVENT THEIR RECURRENCE.

IT IS OUR FUTHER HOPE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, YOU WILL REEMPHASIZE THESE MESSAGES AT APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES, HONORING THE WARD DEAD OF OUR OWN COUNTRY, AS YOU HAVE SO OFTEN IN THE PAST.

BILLY RAY CAMERON
NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
200 MARYLAND AVENUE N
WASHINGTON DC 20002

DRAFT/Date July 8, 1985

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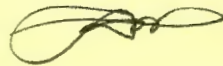
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Dear Commander Cameron Billy Ray :

Chuck,
straight hitting
support from vets
of Foreign Wars well
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Shall we give support
reply now (P-NOW vari.,
etc.)? Thanks, T. [Signature]

Anne -
April 18 incoming, but no
record of ~~any~~ prior TR to Cameron.



~~Den -~~

Let's check file -- see if
he's gotten copies of TR
statements on Memorial
Day, etc. Reply might cover
both bases.

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Chuck -
would you pls 2nd-read?
Thanks, Dan

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July 2, 1985

Dear Colonel Boden:

Thank you for finding the stirring account of a very special Christmas in 1944. Your assistance in our effort to express the sensitive and complex thoughts we hold on World War II and the German people made all the difference.

It means even more when we recall that you were among those who fought in that Battle in 1944-1945. As you were then, you are still, the thoughtful, caring and concerned American who makes this world much better for us all.

Again, thank you for your help and God bless you.

Sincerely,

DONALD WAGNER

COL Clyde D. Boden, Jr., USA, Ret.
512 North Livingston Street
Arlington, Virginia 22203

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cc: Kim White ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1985

Dear Colonel Boden:

assistant
~~I'm writing to~~ Thank you for finding
the stirring account of a very special
Christmas in 1944. Your ~~help~~ *help* in our ~~search for a means~~ *effort*
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Again, thank you for your help
and God Bless You.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: KIM WHITE *Kim*
RE: Thank You Letter

USA, 4/22

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JA.

Attached is a draft of a thank you letter to Col. Clyde Boden, head of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. Col. Boden was the fellow who tracked down the story of the German and American soldiers who shared a Christmas Eve in a cottage in a forest near the Battle of the Bulge. The President used the story in his remarks at Bitburg Air Base during the trip this past May. I have cleared the letter with both Agnes Waldron and Ben Elliott and hope we can send it to Col. Boden from the President.

Please let me know if there are any problems or if you have any questions. I'm at extension 7750.

Col. Boden's address is:

512 North Livingston Street
Arlington, Virginia 22203

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July 12, 1985

Dear Lieutenant Henderson:

Thank you for your words of support and for your kind invitation to visit Schweinfurt.

I'm sorry I couldn't take you up on your invitation. It's always a privilege to personally thank our servicemen and women for the sacrifices they make serving the cause of peace and freedom.

As I said in my Proclamation designating Memorial Day, 1985 a day of prayer for permanent peace: freedom, justice and peace are not things that were won for us two hundred years ago or forty years ago; they must be won again and again by each successive generation. For your part in this mission, I am pleased to send my greetings to you and to all our soldiers and dependents who stand guard beside our NATO allies at the frontier of democracy.

Again, thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN ^A

2ndLt Mark K. Henderson, USA
Schweinfurt Military Community
APO New York 09033

cc: Frederick Ryan
RR/JWF/DE/AVH/sew (7PMND)

May 19, 85 Frederick Ryan letter to 2nd Lt. Mark K. Henderson also attached.

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Enclosures:

Other: cc Fred Ryan

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May 1

May 10, 1985

Dear Lieutenant Henderson:

Thank you for your invitation which you sent the President prior to his visit to West Germany.

We appreciate knowing of your interest in arranging this with the President. Unfortunately, I regret to write that his schedule during his visit was already heavily committed and we were unable to add this to his day.

However, on behalf of the President, please know that your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

1LT Mark K. Henderson, USA
Carnival Project Officer
Department of the Army
Schweinfurt Military Community
APO New York 09033

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SCHWEINFURT MILITARY COMMUNITY
APO NEW YORK 09033

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

April 4, 1985

2LT Mark K. Henderson
USMCD-SFT-MSF
APO NY 09033

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Dear Mr. President:

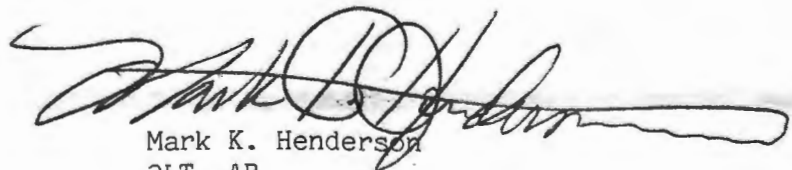
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I am writing to you from the fringes of Democracy--Schweinfurt, Federal Republic of Germany--only eighteen miles from the East German Border. I write this letter with no personal reason in mind, but on behalf of the more than 35,000 American soldiers and dependents here actively protecting Freedom and furthering chances for world peace.

Since becoming aware of your upcoming visit to Germany, I have tried to think of any way to come see and hear you; however, like so many here in Schweinfurt, my mission precludes me from such a opportunity. Hence, I am requesting with utmost sincerity that you might be able to visit the soldiers and their families as they briefly break from their daily efforts of keeping tyranny at bay. The best opportunity for just such a visit is on Germany's Labor Day--1 May 85--during which time we are hosting our German/American Spring Festival. The opportunity to visit with large numbers of the best trained, best equiped soldiers of the "new" Army exists nowhere better than here. Schweinfurt--the highest per capita density of U.S. Soldiers in Europe--and our sub community of Bad Kissingen, have twelve full combat battalions with supporting units. Together they are responsible for over 300 kilometers of West German Border surveillance, in addition to Europe's General Defense Plan.

The act of visiting the soldiers here in Schweinfurt would not only further your image as a "deified" President amongst the "Dogfaced Soldiers" of the Marne Division, but to our German hosts, to our citizens at home, and to U.S. service members everywhere who daily bear the cross of peace in a troubled world. For the Commander-in-Chief at the pinnacle of such a large and modern force to visit the lowest echelon of that force sends a message to the entire world: that we are one--from the President to the private--one in the purpose of peace, and one nation under God with the vision, Let Freedom Ring!

If for some reason you are unable to attend our carnival due to time constraints, security, et al, we certainly understand. However, in such a case, to send a representative in your place, or even the smallest message would mean so much to your soldiers and families here, and elsewhere. We are anxiously awaiting your reply. Godspeed be with you Mr. President.

Sincerely,



Mark K. Henderson
2LT, AR
Carnival Project Officer

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July 18, 1985

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Colonel Friedrich Busch has kindly forwarded your special remembrances to me. The handsome illustrated volume, Germans in the American Revolution, is indeed appreciated and a most welcome addition to my library. Thank you, too, for the framed pen-and-ink sketches of Hambach Castle by Horst Romer. I am delighted to have these keepsakes of my memorable visit to this historic site in the Federal Republic of Germany.

With my deep gratitude for your thoughtful gesture of friendship, and with my best wishes to you and your colleagues,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Hermann Josef Deutsch
Landrat
Bad Dürkheim
Federal Republic of Germany

cc: Colonel Friedrich Busch ✓

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6702 BAD DÜRKHEIM

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With the compliments
of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Friedrich Busch

(Friedrich Busch)
Colonel (GS)
Air Attaché

4645 Reservoir Road, N. W.
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Tel.: (202) 298-4000

July 10, 1985



Mit den besten Empfehlungen
der Botschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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July 16, 1985

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

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Sincerely,
RR

Mr. Hermann Josef Deutsch
Landrat
Bad Durkheim
Federal Republic of Germany

cc: Colonel Friedrich Busch
Air Attache
Embassy of the Federal Republic
of Germany
Washington, D.C. 20007

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July 12, 1985

Dear Mr. de Balasy:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful for your support of my recent visit to West Germany, particularly so because of your wartime experience as a member of the French Resistance. 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 helps strengthen my conviction.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Francois M. de Balasy
14 rue Petrarque
75116 Paris
France

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1985

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 9, 1985

To Reply Balasay -
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MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *WFM*
SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Mr. de Balasay

The NSC has reviewed and concurs with the draft reply to Mr. de Balasay, as amended.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 8, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: NICK KLISSAS / PETER SOMMER

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Presidential Reply to Mr. de Balasy

Francois de Balasy, Secretary General of the French Committee for an Atlantic Community, has written the President a complimentary letter on his having visited Bitburg. We concur with Anne Higgins's draft reply, as amended.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the self-explanatory memorandum to Anne Higgins at Tab I.

Approve WMPf Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I Memo to Higgins with background papers

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EAD
Paris May 8 , 1985

to Mr Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington , D.C
U.S.A

Dear Mr President ,


Though being the Secretary General of the French Association for an Atlantic Community - and in this capacity in close contact with the U.S Atlantic Committee - ,in want to write to you only on a personal ground .

What you have done and the manner in which you have done it in Bitburg demonstrated an impressive statemanship and a great sens of the western destiny .

As a Frenchman and a veteran from the Resistance having fought against the Nazis from my teen age , and later on in the Army ,I wanted to clearly express my support in those critic - and much criticized -circumstances .

I am , Dear Mr President ,

Faithfully yours


François M. de Balasy
Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur
Croix de Guerre
E.T.O Medal

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM DE BALASY, FRANCOIS

DOCDATE 08 MAY 85

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SUBJECT: REQUEST NSC CONCURRENCE RE REPLY TO DE BALASY

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